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INTRODUCTION.

This, the eighth volume of York Civic Records, covers a period of ten years from 1578 to 1588. In it we can see life in York becoming more settled and stable; there is greater acquiescence in the new way in Religion, though there are still many opposed to it. In 1579 no less a person than the Lord Mayor, Robert Cripling, during his year of office was sent to prison in York Castle. Amongst other things he refused to live within the City, and had made a scene in York Minster during a sermon by the Chancellor, Mr. Palmer. After his year of office was over he was deprived of his Aldermanship, and disenfranchised. And on the other hand there were good men like Alderman Christopher Herbert who felt that religious changes had not gone far enough. If this was the case amongst the leaders of York Civic life, it must also have existed amongst ordinary citizens. They missed the old Mystery plays which had brought interest and beauty into their lives. In 1579 the Council decided that the Plays should be given, after first being submitted to the Dean of York and the Archbishop of York for correction. The Dean and Archbishop found this to be beyond their power. In 1580 the Commons took a further step. It was an old York custom on the election day of the new Lord Mayor for the Commons to assemble in the City Guildhall, and give their assent to his election. Before doing this they had the right to ask for the redress of any grievance, and on some occasions they had refused to give their assent until promise of redress had been given. But it was ineffective.

An endeavour was made to find a substitute for the Plays. In 1584 the Council agreed that a schoolmaster, Thomas Grafton, should compile speeches: he was to have one of the pageant frames or travelling platforms, and performances given at eight places in the City. Compiled speeches do not sound very exciting. The writer would realise this, so in 1585 Grafton brought to the Council an Interlude, which was approved. It is called a Play and a Pageant which was performed by Wormalls pupils. Evidently this did not satisfy the Commons, and no more is heard about it. We must remember that travelling companies of Players now begin to visit York, and to perform in the Guildhall.

The York House Books for the reign of Elizabeth I contain hundreds of cases of poor relief, and much information about the different ways in which the City Council sought to solve the problem of poverty in York. Every month the poor of each ward were mustered and inspected; attempts were made to prevent begging;

workhouses were provided. Able-bodied poor who refused to work were flogged. All kinds of ways were tried out. In February, 1587, a review of past endeavours took place and a Policy of Poor Relief was drawn up, and for the first time the poor people themselves were consulted.

In 1584 an association was formed for the protection of the Queen's person, and in York 1300 signatures were received. Queen Elizabeth I never came into Yorkshire, but in the York House Books is evidence that on two occasions such a Royal Progress was contemplated: in 1575, when enquiries were made about houses where the Queen might lodge, and also in 1585 when brewers were asked what beer they could provide. When celebrations took place for the preservation of the Queen's life a charming picture is given of York streets decorated with hangings and flowers, and the citizens feasting in the streets in front of their houses.

The last year covered in this volume, 1588, is the year of the Armada. But Spain is only spoken of once, and no mention is made of the great happenings. Three hundred men of York and Ainsty are equipped with armour and weapons to be ready for any emergency.

In 1585, William Flower, Norroy King at Arms, visited York. He had been born in York, son of a corn-merchant, who lived in my parish of All Saints, Pavement. He came here in order to arrange for the grant of a Coat of Arms to his native city. In August the Council agreed that one Mr. Flower, "one of her Majesties Herald att Armes", shall have six angels for a reward in respect of his office for the credit of the City. Flower had, however, left York. The result of his visit was seen on 1 February, 1586-7. On that day the Lord Mayor brought to the Council meeting the arms of the City drawn on parchment, which he had received from Mr. Somerscales of the Heralds College.

Once more it is my pleasure to thank the Town Clerk, Mr. Benfield, for his kindness and help, and also the members of his staff. The final entry in this volume tells that the office of Town Clerkship is one of "great chardge, attendance and trust by reason that all the recordes, chartres and remembrances . . . do remaine in the custodie of the Towne Clarke". May they ever so remain.

ANGELO RAINE.

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fo. 128b. **Money to be raised for laying in a stock of wool.**

2 January 21 Elizabeth (1578-9). *Present*—Hugh Graves, Mayor, 5 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 16 of the xxiv.

Agreed that CCCCli shalbe rased for a stocke of woll for setting the pore of this Citie on worke, wherof CCli to be raised within this Citie and the CCli residewe to be taken of the Chambre money and Sir Martyn Bowes money, and debts belongyng to the Citie, and of suche other commodities belonging to this Citie as may best be spared; all whiche somes are to be lent for the space of vij yeres upon goode suerties for repayment thereof.

fo. 131. **Misbehaviour of two of the XXIV on Election Day.**

16 January 21 Elizabeth (1578-9). *Present*—Hugh Graves, Mayor, William Byrnand, Recorder, 5 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 12 of the xxix.

Forsomoche as Mr. John Stephenson and Mr. George Fawcett, twoo of the xxiiij or Pryvay Consell of this Citie did yestarday beyng the Elecon day, openly in the Common Hall speake certayne unsemely woords and gave contenans to a greate nombre of people or Commons beyng there unlawfully assembled; therefor it is nowe agreed that the said Mr. Stephenson and Mr. Fawcett shall either submytt theymselves and abide thordre of my Lord Mayor and his bretherne, Aldermen, and the residewe of the Pryvay Consell of this Citie, or elis they to be clerely dischargd of this hows.

fo. 131b. **Plans for cleaning the River Ouse. Oath of Secrecy.**

21 January 21 Elizabeth (1578-9). *Present*—Hugh Graves, Mayor, William Byrnand, Recorder, 5 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 12 of the xxiv.

And whereas there is a lycens granted by my Lord Mayor, that nowe is, and Mr. Roberte Ciplinge, Mayor electe, under their hands and seales; theffecte wherof is that the said Lord Mayor and Mayor electe for dyverse and sundry good causes and consideracons theyme movyng, have authorised and licensed their neighbourghes, John Smyth etc¹ all dwellyng within the said Citie of York, joyntly and severally, or to so many of theym as their leysure and occasion

¹ Thirteen names follow.

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will serve, not onely to goo to every parishe within this Citie, and there to take a true copie of all the clerks of the names of every person within every parishe, but also to knowe what every disposed persone will gyve and bestowe of there owne free willes for the skowryng and mayntynance of the ryvar of Ouse; and that the said John Smyth etc (*fo.* 132) shall certifie the saide nowe Mayor and Mayor electe, and thaldermen and the Common Counsell of their procedyngs and doyngs therin, and the somme and sommes of money, what every man will willyngly gyve and bestowe to the use above said, at the Common Hall the twenty day of February nowe next comyng after the date thereof. And all exacons and taxyngs before that tyme decreed and made for the the mayntenance of the ryvar of Ouse in the tyme of the Mayoraltie of the said Hugh Graves to be clerely frustraate and voide if the Commons will performe that whiche on the Elecon day last they promysed concernyng the amendement of the said ryvar. It is nowe aggreed that the said lycens shall stande in force. And nowe John Bellwood, servant to Mr. Leonard Belt, Common Clerk of this Citie, and one of his clerks, is sworne to kepe secrett all thyngs talked in this hows.

fo. 133. **Remission of Fines. Leather in the Guildhall.**

A poor girl with rotting feet.

28 January 21 Elizabeth (1578-9). *Present*—Hugh Graves, Mayor, 3 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 9 of the xxiv.

Forsomoche as dyverse persons were latly presented for breakyng of the order latly sett downe by this Courte againste Hull; and only Mr. Thomas Appleyard, yonger, was fyned, as one of the said offendares, whiche fyne he hath payed accordyngly; it is nowe aggreed that the said Mr. Appleyard shall not onely have his money ageyne, but also that he and all other the said persons presented shalbe clerely deschardged for paying any fynes for their offences.

Aggreed that James Garth, William Newby, Henry Myars and Thomas Malyn, late serchars of the Cordyners, shall pay to Richard Whittyngton and others nowe serchars of that occupacon x^s for the half yere rent for lighing leather in the Common Hall, dewe at Christmas last.

(*fo.* 133b.). Aggreed that Kathryn Pape, alias Hudson, a poore wenshe, whiche hath hir fete allmoste rotted of, shall have xij^d wekely.

fo. 134b. **Age limit for Members of the Common Council.**

31 January 21 Elizabeth (1578-9). *Present*—Hugh Graves, Mayor, 4 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 9 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that so many of the persons whiche are of the Common Counsell of this Citie, and the head serchars of the xiiij and xv crafts, beyng the same Common Counsell, as are growne in age or

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other cause, by discrecon of the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, Sheryffs and others beyng of the Pryvay Counsell of this Citie, shalbe clerely dischargd of the same Common Consell and head sercharships, and others honest and discrete persones to be chosen in their rowmes, accordyng to the charter of elecon. And also that all such persones as nowe are or hereafter shalbe of the saide Common Counsell or head serchars, and be warned to come to any Elecon, and shall make defaulte withowte a lawfull or reasonable cause, to forfaite xx^s.

(*fo. 135*). Also it is agreed that none of the persones that nowe are or hereafter shalbe of the Common Counsell of this Citie or head serchars of the xiiij or xv crafts shall come to any Elecon in any cloakes, but in gownes, upon payne of xx^s.

fo. 137b. **Members of the Common Council discharged.**

Order for election of New Members. A furnace expert.

6 February 21 Elizabeth (1578-9). *Present*—Robert Cripling, Mayor, William Byrnand, Recorder, 5 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 9 of the xxiv.

Certayne of the Common Counsell of this Citie were apon reasonable consideracons discharged, that is to say, Roland Ellys of the drapers, Christopher Lermowth of the inholders, Richard Dicconson of the waxchandlers, and Robert Marshall of the walkers. And nowe also certayne of the head searchars of the xiiij and xv crafts of this Citie were apon like consideracon discharged; that is to say, John Stock of the goldsmythes, Thomas Mason of the joynars, Charles Bachclar of the glasiers, Edward Turner of the weavers, and Miles Thomlynson of the walkers.

Wherapon it is nowe agreed that billettts or notes shalbe made forthwith to the serchars of every the said crafts of the names of the persones discharged, and they to be commanded to assemble themselves at their places accustomed, on Sondag next, and they then and there, accordyng to the charter for elecon to name and electe others of the most sadd, hable and discrete persones of their crafts; that is to say, every of theym, twoo of their owen craft and to present their names to the L. Mayor, (*fo. 137b.*) Aldermen and Sheryffs in this place on Wedynsday next at ix of clock, to thintent that they may, than and there, electe one of the said persones to be of the Common Consell and head serchars in place of every the said persones discharged.

(*fo. 138*). Agreed that my L. Mayor, Aldermen, Shireffs and others of this hows and also all thois whiche refuse to gyve money towards the reparyng of the ryvar Ouse beyng hable to pay, shall be assessed by theis presens.

And where there is a certayne man named Thomas Powltre, latly come to this Citie, beyng experte in makyng of furnaces, whiche wilbe to the profit and common welth of this Citie, it is agreed that

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the same Thomas shall have lycens to worke of his said scyens within this said Citie untill Michelmass next comyng as well hymself as thois which he shall sett on worke, withoute lett or desturbans of any of the telars or plaistrars of this Citie; and warnyng shalbe gyven to the brewrs and others having furnaces to thintent they may have their furnaces altered and made (if they shall thynk good).

fo. 139.

Price of sweet wines.

11 February 21 Elizabeth (1578-9). *Present*—Robert Cripling, Mayor, 15 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 11 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that frome and after the xxj of February instant all the vyntnars and wynedrawers of this Citie shall sell swete wyne after the prices hereafter menconced; that is to say; a quart of seck for vjd and not above; a quart of malmercy for vijd and not above, and a quart of muskadyne or bastard for viij^d and not above.

fo. 140.

Stone at the King's Manor. Price of Ale.

13 February 21 Elizabeth (1578-9). *Present*—Robert Cripling, Mayor, 5 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 10 of the xxiv.

Mr. John Smyth, Mr. John Wilkyson, Mr. Henry May and Mr. Edward Turner are appoynted to viewe free stones at the Manor this after noone; and they to make report herof at the next assemblee of this hows.

Also it is nowe agreed that all maner of inholders, brewers and tiplars and also all and every other person and persones inhabityng this Citie of York and the suburbs therof takyng money for ale, that they and every of theym doo frome hensforth sell ale after the rates and prices hereafter mencioned; that is to say; every soa of ale at the fattsyde for twoo shillyngs and not above; and every such soa to conteyne such gallons. And every gallon of sett or stale ale for iiij^d and not above. And that every the said persones doo sell within there howses a wyne quart of sett or stale ale for a penye. And that every the said inholdars, brewers and tiplars, and all other persons offendyng herin shall forfait for every offens iijs iiij^d. And that none of theym shall sell with or by any other measuers than is before expresed upon like payne for every suche offens. And if any person or persons that doo or shall buye or paye for any ale, will gyve more for the same than the rates and prices above said then every persone or personcs soo offendyng to forfait also iijs iiij^d for every suche offens.

fo. 141.

The Archbishop asks that one of his servants may be made freeman of York. Sale of cloth

20 February 21 Elizabeth (1578-9). *Present*—Robert Cripling, Mayor, 5 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 12 of the xxiv.

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A letter from my Lord Archebishop in favor of Richarde Doddesworth, his servant, to be made a freeman of this Citie was redd.

To my very good Lorde the Lord Mayor of the Citie of York. My Lorde, the brynger herof, Richard Doddesworth is the man for whome I speke to your Lordship for at my beyng with you, that he might be made free of your Citie of Yorke according to his desyre, beyng mynded in tyme to lede his lyfe as a citizen there. I shall pray your Lordship to have favorable consideracon of his sute for my sake. And thus I bid your Lordship hartely farewell. Busshopsthorpe this xxth of February 1578.

Yr L. in Christ

E. Ebor.

Whiche lettre beyng nowe redd it was agreed that the said Richard Doddesworth, apon my Lord Archbishope said request shalbe franchesed and made a freeman of this Citie for vj^{li} xiijs^s iiij^d, whiche he payed nowe in hand. Yet for the consideracon that my said L. Archebishope is good and beneficyall lorde to this Citie, and apon hoape that he wilbe a good membre of the same, it is therefor agreed that the said vj^{li} xiijs^s iiij^d shalbe remytted and freely gyven hym agayne.

(fo. 146). It was agreed that no maner of person or persones shall from hensforth sell any kynd of lynen clothe, hemp clothe, harden clothe forthe of there owne shoppes in any other place or places within this Citie but only is Thursday markett

fo. 144b.

Absentees from Church.

4 March 21 Elizabeth (1578-9). *Present*—Robert Cripling, Mayor, 5 Aldermen, 9 Sheriffs, 7 of the xxiv.

Certayne persons who wilfully do absent theymselves from the churche weare nowe called and earnestly moved to come to the churche. The names of whiche persones with their sayings or answers towchyng the same hereafter folowith.

Richard Halliday of this Citie, girdlar, hath promysed unto my L. Mayor and his worshipfull bredern, that he will lay his commandement unfeynedly upon his wife, and move and counsel hir to come to the churche according to the lawes of God and the Queenes Majesties lawes of this realme.

Emote Halliday, wife of the said Richard Halliday hath here likewise promysed that she will come to the churche, but she will not tell when she will come to the churche.

Mary Huton, wife of William Huton of this Citie, drover, sayeth she will come to Gods churche, but she will not tell when as she will come thither.

(fo. 145). Anne Cooke, wife of Ambrose Cooke of this Citie, sadler, sayeth she cannot appoynt any tyme when as she will come to the churche, but as shall please God.

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Agnes Johnson of the said Citie, widowe, sayeth that she will goo to the church of God and not to this church.

William Bowman of this Citie, loksmyth, sayeth that his conscyens will not serve hym to goo to the church as yet.

Alice Sympson of Huntynghton in the county of Yorke widowe, sayeth that she will come to the church of God, but her conscyens will not serve her to come to this church.

fo. 147b. **Aldermen's Dress. Rule of Debate. Present of wine.**

11 March 21 Elizabeth (1578-9). *Present*—Robert Cripling, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff.

Aggreed that no Alderman shall at any tyme from henceforth come to any assemble in this place, the Common Hall, the Mynster, or to any other place in presens of the L. Mayor, for the tyme beyng, without their tippetts upon payne of vi^d.

(*fo.* 148). Aggrees that every Alderman shall frome tyme to tyme hereafter apon commandment of the Lord Mayor, use and weare such gownes of one sewte accordyng to the said commandment upon payne of vj^d.

Aggreed that every Alderman shall frome hensforth use and weare their gownes in maner and forme folowyng; that is to say; to weare their gownes fased with skyne from Michelmas to Pentecost, or sooner by appoyntement of the L. Mayor for the tyme beyng; and to weare their other gownes fased with budge, black furre or silk from Pentecost to Michelmas apon payne of vi^d; provided allwayes that the said Aldermen shall weare their read gownes frome tyme to tyme by appoyntement of the L. Mayor.

Aggreed that if any Alderman or any other of the Pryvay Counsell, whiche shall hereafter speak in this hows to the L. Mayor for the tyme beyng, that none of the residewe of the said Aldermen or Pryvay Counsell shall use any talke, untill suche tyme as that partie that first speaketh hath tolde forth his tale apon payne of vj^d.

¹Aggreed that Sir Thomas Gargrave, Knight, shall have half a tonne of Gascoigne wyne, and Mr. Sergeant Roodes and Mr. Recordar, either of theym to have a hoggishead of the like wyne—to be payed for by the Chamberlaynes.

fo. 149b. **Dispute about Market places.**

3 April 21 Elizabeth (1579). *Present*—Robert Cripling, Mayor, William Byrnand, Recorder, 8 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 21 of the xxiv.

It was declared by my L. Mayor how as there hath been of late greate dissension, discorde and variance emongs the Citizens, for

¹ On April 3rd the House Book records the death of Sir Thomas. It was then decided to send the wine to his executors. Sir Thomas had promised to contribute towards the £20 that York Corporation was putting into the Lottery. This contribution was to be asked for from the executors.

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and concernyng whether that the market for corne, butter, chese, eggs and all pultre should be solde and bought in Thursday markett or on the Pavement; and for that there should love and amytie increase and contynewe amongst the said Citizens, and at the contemplacon of the right Honorable the Earle of Huntynghdon, Lord President of the Queenes majisties most honorable Counsell establisshed in these North parties; therefore as well by thassent, consent and aggrement of my L. Mayor, Aldermen, Shireffs and xxiiij, the most part of theym beyng present, and thois that was not present did send their voices and mynds, some in woordes and some in writyng; wherapon it was now ordered by the most voyces of theis presens, that is to say, xxiiij persones of this said presens, beyng the greater nomber of the voices, have gyven their voyces and consents that the markett for corne, butter, chese, eggs and all other pultrie shalbe from hensforth kept on the Pavement for ever.

(fo. 150). Also aggreed that if any person or persons of this Citie that shall hereafter offer, move or goo abowte by woorde or other acte to alter or change this said market of corne, butter, cheese, eggs and pultrie from the markett of the Pavement unto any other place or places within the said Citie that he or they and every of theym so offendyng shall forfait for every tyme xx^{li}.

fo. 151. **Corpus Christi play to be acted. Walls to be repaired.**

8 April 21 Elizabeth (1579). *Present*—Robert Cripling, Mayor, William Byrmand, Recorder, 5 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 3 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that Ccrpus Christi plays shalbe played this year and that first the booke shalbe carried to my Lord Archbisshop and Mr. Deane to correcte, if that my L. Archebisshop doo well like theron. Aggreed that the towers and the walles of this Citie betweene the Taylars Hall and Lathrop Posterne shalbe repaired forthwith.

fo. 152b. **Agreement between the Butchers and Tanners.**

Money for a Preacher.

10 April 21 Elizabeth (1579). *Present*—Robert Cripling, Mayor, William Byrmand, Recorder, 7 Aldermen, 12 of the xxiv.

By the consent as well of the tannars as by the bochers of this Citie, and dyverse of theyme beyng present, it is now aggreed that no bochers shall by any indirect meanes make any bargayne or putt to sale any oxskynnes or cove skynnes before the beast wherapon the said skyns ware growyng shalbe killed, to any tanner, nor yet that any tannar shall buye any of the said hides or skynnes beforehand of any of the said bochers but to buye the same as the said oxen or kyne shalbe killed apon payne to forfait x^{li}.

(fo. 152b). Aggreed that the searchars of every occupacon of this Citie shall assemble theym selfs together forthwith and to aggree what every company will gyve towards fyndyng of a preacher. And

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the serchars of every occupacon to certifie in writyng on Wedynsday in Easter weke next in this place what every of their companys will gyve towards fyndyng of a prechar for this Citie.

fo. 157. **Rivers to be kept clean.**

24 April 21 Elizabeth (1579). *Present*—Robert Cripling, Mayor, 3 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 3 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that no maner of persone or persones shall cast any ramel, sweapyngs or other filthe into Ouse betwene St. Leonards landyng and St. George close. And also that none shall swepe downe or conveye any myer or other filthe downe any gutter or chanell into Ouse or Fosse.

fo. 157b. **Disposal of filth. Repair of Skeldergate bridge.**

29 April 21 Elizabeth (1579).

Aggreed that who so ever that hereafter shall lye any donge or fylthe without Skeldergat postorne upon payne for every default, tubfull, skepfull or burden to forfayt xij^d.

Agreed that the little bridge without Skeldergait postron shalbe repaired and amended with the stones that was bought of William Foster and the chamberlaines to see the same repared with convenient speede.

fo. 158b. **Pure water supply. Bows and Arrows.**

Letter to the Earl of Huntington.

6 May 21 Elizabeth (1579). *Present*—Robert Cripling, Mayor, 4 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 6 of the xxiv.

Agreed that a strange man called Wright, latlie comed to this Cittie, that is skilfull in springs conveying of conditts, with Walmesley and others shall vewe the springe head at St. Nicholas leadinge to Beyardstone, and my L. Mayor and his Brethren and others the worshipfull assemble here present callinge to them the said persons shall vewe the same at iiij of the clock this afternone.

(*fo. 159.*). Upon a bill exhibited by the bowers and fletchers, it is agreed that commands shalbe given to the constables to vewe and se whether everie one have bowe and arrowes accordinge to the statute.

To the Right Honorable and their very good Lord the Earle of Huntyngdon, Lord President of the Queenes Counsell established in theis North partes.

Right honorable, after our humble dewtie to your good Lordship premysed; it may please the same to be advertised that we have called our Bretherne and associats together for and concernyng a precher to be had and mayntayned of the chardges of this Citie, and therefore we did all conclude and aggree that there shoulde be precepts gyven forth to every Company, felawship and

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occupacon within this said Citie to knowe what every Company etc. wold of their benevolens gyve towards mayntenance of the said preacher; and that they should certifie us therof at a certayne day by us to theym then lymyted; whiche precepts weare sent forth accordyngly. And at the day prefixed for there answeres therof, every of the said Companyes and occupacons certified us generally that this Citie is not as Kyngeston apou Hull, and Newcastle apou Tyne, and other are whome have neither Cathedral church, bushope, prebends nor preachers but of their owne provision unlesse suche preachers come thether by fortune, for they doo say that we have a Bishop and he hath dyverse chapelleyne, and also Mr. Deane, a Chancellor, twoo Archedeacons and Lij prebendars or moo; and that they are willynge to resorte to the Mynstar and others churches to heare the sermons as they ought to doo. And they further thynke that it is not requysit for theym to be at further charges for (fo 159b) fyndyng of a preacher, for thankes be to God, there are sermons every Sondag and holyday in the Mynstar and besydes often tymes at other parochie churches; soo that by any perswasion that we can make unto our neighborghs, Citizens of this Citie, they are not willyng to gyve any money towards the fyndyng of a preacher, savyng onely that the felowship of Marchants offre to gyve of their benevolens yerely vj^{li} xiijs iiij^d; likewise the felowship of Drapers and Taylors offre to gyve yerely Lxvj^s viij^d. And thus most humbly we take our leave of yowe good Lordship, besechyng God to preserve your good Lordship in moche honor with good helth to contynewe.

Frome Yorke the iiijth day of May 1579.

Your Honors at commandement Robert Criplyng,
Mayor and his bretherne, Aldermen.

The Crafts represented on the Common Council of the City of York.

(fo. 160b). xiiij Crafts, ij of theis xiiij Crafts folowyng.

Merchants	John Johnson, W. ¹ Francys Bayne, My.
Marcers	Anthony Pullay, My. Parcyvall Brook, W.
Drapers	Richard Burdon, W. William Allyn, B.
Grocers cum	
Pottycars	John Wright, W. Richard Hutton, Monk.
Goldsmiths	George Kichen, B. Thomas Waddie, Monk.
Dyers	John Gamyll, My. Thomas Cawod, My.
Skynners	Thomas Childe, B. Edward Sugdon, B.
Barbors	John Skott, My. John Mansfelde, W.
Fyshemongars	Peter Gybbe, W. Myles Dawson, W.
Taillyers	Thomas Gybson, W. John Sergyantson, B.
(fo. 161) Vyntenars	John Standeren, B. Henry Pulleyn, B.
Joynars	Edmunde Dacres, B. Ambrose Gray, W.
Glasiers	Myles Gray, W. Robert Thomson, B.

¹ The letters after the name signify wards of the City. W for Walmgate. M for Monk. My for Micklegate. B for Bootham.

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xv Crafts of the Common Counsell.

Hosiars	Gregorie Barghe, B.
Vestment makers	John Allynson, B.
Bowers	Rolland Haxby, W.
Inholdars	Oswald Dent, B.
Waxchandlers	Thomas Rogerley, W.
Wevers	Roger Fawsett, W.
Walkers	Robert Marshall, Monk.
Sadlers	Thomas Mason, W.
Bakers	Ric. Rryght, W. (<i>fo.</i> 161b).
Glovers	William Grenup, My.
Ironmongers	(blank).
Masons	(blank).
Bochers	Christopher Rayne, W.
Pewterers	John Geldart, B. ¹

Crafts not represented on the Common Council.

(*fo.* 163). Tapiters, Cordiners, Tannars, Potters, Sheremen, Cappers, Bladesmythes and Cutlers, Cowpers, Gyrdlers, Pynners, Maryners, (*fo.* 163b). Sporriers and Lorrimars, Blaksmythes and Lokesmythes, Fyshers, Cowks, Mylners, Fletchers, Tylers, Paynters, Bookbynders and Textwryters, Parchement makers, Cardmakers, (*fo.* 164). Mynstrells, Cartwrights, Salsmakers, Turners, Ropers, Patternmakers, Fownderers, Tylemakers, Curyers, Potters, Porters, Plomers, Bottelmakers, Horners, Fedderbedd makers, Coblers, (*fo.* 164b). Hatters, Stringars, Laborers.

fo. 165. **Punishment for speaking against the Queen.**

13 May 21 Elizabeth (1579). *Present*—Robert Criplyng, Mayor, William Byrmand, Recorder, 5 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 6 of the xxiv.

John Harper, taylor, who hath latly spoken certayne evill, contemptuose and unreverrent woords of the Queenes majestie appered and hath submytted hym self to abide thordre of my L. Mayor and his bretherne, and the residewe of this assemblee towchyng the said offens. Aggreed that the said John Harper shall stands in the markets of this Citie twoo market dayes with a papir upon his head duryng the space of twoo howars viz. from xj of the clock to one of the clock, that is to say, first on Saturday next on the Pavement; and on Saturday then next in Thursday markett; and that he shall remayne in prison untill suche tyme as he shall putt in sufficient suerties to be bounde viz. in C^{li} hymself and his suerites in L^{li} a pece, for a good abearyng against the Queenes majestie and all hir subjects. Agreed that the said John Harper shall stand desfranchised ymmediatly after he hath receyved his full punysshement.

¹ Folios 161-162b. contain names of the searchers of the xiiij and xv.

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fo. 168.

Food and drink for those in prison.

29 May 21 Elizabeth (1579).

Aggreed that if any maner of person or persones whatsoever whiche herafter comytted to warde or to the common gaole of this Citie, that no maner of person or persones shall come to any suche person or persones so comytted to warde bryngyng with theym excesse of wyne, drynke or vitales to suche person or persones so comytted to warde.

fo. 170.

The Plague is at Howden. Precautions.

5 May 21 Elizabeth (1579). *Present*—Robert Cripling, Mayor, 4 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 6 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that the rate for wages of artificers servants etc shalbe certified into the Chancerie this next terme as it was the last yere.

And where as the plage is at Howden, it is aggreed for kepygn this Citie withowt danger therof that Walmgate bair, Castlegate posterne and Fishergate posterne shalbe watched contynually, and to suffer none to enter that come frome Howden, Snayth or other infected townes therabowts; and also that commandement shalbe gyven forthwith to the constables of every parochie of this Citie to chardge every inhabitant not to lodge any person or persones comyng frome Howden and Snayth or any other infected townes upon payne of losyng their franchises and to forfeate x^{li} fyne.

fo. 170b. **Letter from the London Company of Goldsmiths.**

17 June 21 Elizabeth (1579). *Present*—Robert Cripling, Mayor, 4 Aldermen, 6 of the xxiv.

A letter frome the wardens of the Goldsmythes of London.

To the right honorable the Lord Mayor of the Citie of York and his worshipfull brethern thaldermen of the same.

After our verie hartie commendacons to your Lordship etc.; Wheras we latly perusyng certayne writyngs (remaynyng with us), that of long tyme have not bene looked on, doo perceyve that Sir Martyne Bowes, Knyght, deceassyd, late one of this Companye, dyd gyve unto yowe a basyn, an ewer and lx^{li} in money upon condicon that yowe sholde yerlie bestowe iij^{li} of currant money in suche maner as is appoynted by wrytyngs made betwixt hym and the Corporacon of your Citie, wherof as we take it xlvj^s viij^d yerlye ever synce the begynnyng of her Majesties raigne, ought to have bene paid to us for the poore bretheren of our Company, and so frome hensforth yerely ought to be payed; wherefore we desyre your Lordship and your Bretherns to consyder of writyng towching the promysse made betwixt your Citie and the said Sir Martyne, and that there upon we maye undelaiedly receyve your answer herof; and you shall fynd us in all thyngs reasonable as knoweth thalmyghtie, unto whose protection with expectacon of your spedye

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answere, we commend your Lordship and all your Bretherne. Goldsmythes Hall in London this seconde of June, 1579.

Your Lordshipe and Worships very lovyng friends, the Wardens of the Goldsmythes of London, Affabell Partrydge, Robert Brandon, Steven Doram.

(fo. 171) Whiche letter beyng redde it was nowe agreed that a lettre shalbe made to the said wardens of Goldsmythes of London by advise of Mr. Recorder to be sent to theym up this terme by Mr. Belt; the copie of whiche lettre hereafter foloweth.

To the worshipfull Affabell Partrydge, Robert Brandon and Stephen Durram wardens of the Company of Goldsmythes in London.

After our hartie commendacons to your Worships. Theis are to signifie unto yowe that we have receyved your lettre; wherby we understand that yow latly perusyng certayne writyngs remanyng with yowe, doo perceyve that Sir Martyne Bowes, Knight, decessed, late one of your Company, did gyve unto us a basyn, an ewer and Lx^{li} in money apon condicon that we should yerely bestowe iij^{li} in suche maner as is appoynted by writyng made betwene hym and the Corporacon of our Citie; wherof as ye take it xLvjs viij^d yerely to be payed as yowe alledge by your said lettre. And for answeere to yower said lettre we say that the said iij^{li} hath bene and is used yerely in dedes of charitie accordyng to the devise and mynde of said Sir Martyn Bowes; and that yowe cannot lawefully have or clayme any part or parcell of the said money for that that the said Sir Martyn in his life tyme did other wise appoynte the same, as this bearer can bettar enforme yowe at large; and thus we commytt yowe to God. York the xiiijth of June 1579.

Your very lovyng frends
Robert Criplyng, Mayor of the Citie of Yorke and his
bretherene, Aldermen of the same.

fo. 172. **Letter from the Ecclesiastical Commission.**

Assessment for Poor rate.

26 June 21 Elizabeth (1579). *Present*—Robert Cripling, Mayor, 2 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 4 of the xxiv.

A letter frome my L. Archebisshope of York and other the Queenes majesties commyssonars for causes ecclesiasticall to my L. Mayor and Aldermen directed was redd.

To our very good Lorde the L. Mayor of the Citie of York, the Recorder, Aldermen and Sheryffs of the same Citie, our lovyng frends.

After our very hartie commendacons; Whereas Thomas Colthurst and Katheryne his wife have made complaynt unto us and others oure associates for cawses ecclesiasticals, that one Margaret Sheles, a notorious vacabonde and defamed person hath for the space of tenne yeares last past loytred within and aboute

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the Citie of Yorke, after a verie rogishe manner, and duryng that tyme (as we be crediblie informed) hath continueallie disquieted them with wrongfull and clamorous exclamation, not onelie to there great discredites and defamation (being both honest persones and of good credite and reputation) but also to the disquietnes of divers other these neighbours in the said Citie; and forsomuche as we understande that she hath bene heretofor whipped fourth of your Citie, and as a roge burned through the eare upon the estatute provided for punishement of roges and vacabondes, and now remayneth as a roge in the secunde degree and so as a felon in daunger of deathe if thextremite of the lawe shoulde be extended against her, whiche neither the parties compleynants would willingly prosecute nor we ourselves would wish; yett nevertheles somuche as it is the office and duetie of all majistrates not only to punishe the wicked and slanderus persons, but also to preserve (*fo. 172b*) the credits and good names of those whiche are honest and well affected, and forsomuch as in this case it is to no purpose to sewe here, either in ecclesiasticall or temporal courts, she beyng a begger, and not havinge wherewith to make satisfaction; we, to whome the punishement of suche disordered persones do partlie belong, have thought good to requyre yowe to whome the same doith more properly appertayne, that yowe will take some good ordre that she may be banyshed forth of your Citie, and from all other places where yowe have government and jurisdicon; and that if she do presume to return thether ageyne suche punyshment may be provided for her as yowe thynke shall restrayne her accesse thether; wherein we thynke yowe shall doo a very good acte especyallye in purgyng your common wealth of so lewde and unprofitable a member. And so commendyng youe to God we bidde yowe hartilye farewell.

Bisshopthorpe this xxiiilth of June 1579.

Yours in Christe

E. Ebor, Matth. Hutton, Wm. Payler, Ro. Lowgher,
William Palmer, William Hillyard, Ralph Cowlton.

(*fo. 172b*). After the readyng of whiche lettre the said Thomas Colthurst and Margaret Sheles, beyng called the same Margaret beyng rebuked for her said mysusinge, the same Thomas of his owne free will was content to gyve hir xxx^s, so that the said Margaret would become bounde to the said Thomas in iiij^{li} that she shoulde departe forth of this Citie ymmediately. All whiche she said she would gladly doo.

(*fo. 173*). Aggreed that assesment for the poore shalbe made forthwith by the constables and inhabitants of every parisshe, soo that they raise so moche money in every their severall parisshes wekely as was sett downe the last yere; and that billettis shalbe made and delyvered to the constables forthwith accordingly, and they on

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the assessours to certifie in their severall assessments in writyng under the hands of the assessours this day sevenett at the furthest.

fo. 173b.

Chief Collectors.

1 July 21 Elizabeth (1579). *Present*—Robert Cripling, Mayor, William Byrmand, Recorder, 5 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 5 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that the head collectours for every ward shalbe of the xxiiij, and that they shall accompte every quarter of a yere to the Wardens of that Ward of whiche every the said collectors is of, who are appoynted to be all wayes auditours for that purpose; and apon default of payment or refusall to accompte the said Wardens to comytt every head collector and petie collectors and others persones refusyng to pay towarde.

fo. 174b.

The Petition of John Harper.

To the right honerable the Lord Mayor of the Citie of York and his worshipfull brethern, Aldermen of the same.

Compleynyng sheweth unto your good Lordship and Mayster-shipe yowe humble orator, John Harper of the said Citie, taylor; that where as your said besechar was a free Citizen of this Citie, and for an offens by hym latly comytted was by order of your honour and worships clerely desfranchised and also punysshed, for whiche his said offens your besechar is right hartly sory for; and for somuche as, very good Lord and Maisters, your said besechar beyng desfranchised may not open his shoppe wyndowes and worke there, but is forced to woorke ells where, within his dwellyng hows, and hath small light to work with all, and the back part of his said hows, where the best lyght is is letten to a gentleman at whois hands, your besechar, nor his wife are well used with all; and if your said besechar shold stand still desfranchised it wold be to the utter undoyng of your poore orator and his wife forever. In tendre consideracon wherof may it please your good Lordship and Maisterships to vochsafely and admytt your said besechar to his freedoms agayne, and he entendeth, God willyng, to become a newe man, and not to commytte any suche offens hereafter, and as well pay suche reasonable fyne for his said freedom as your honour and worships shall thynke good to sett downe, and besyds that shall dayly pray to God long to preserve your good Lordship and Worships in moche honor and worship.¹

fo. 176.

Plague offenders.

17 July 21 Elizabeth (1579). *Present*—Robert Cripling, Mayor, 5 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 7 of the xxiv.

Forsomoche as John Woode, Merchant, and ——— Fesshar, maryner, have bene latly at Snaith, whiche is infected with the

¹ On July 3 the Council decided that Harper should be restored his freedom on payment of £10.

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plage, contrary to the order latly sett downe in this Court—they shalbe forthwith commytted to ward in Monkbarr.

And nowe a lettre from the Wardens of Goldsmythe of London was redde; wherapon it is agreed that Mr. Belt shall lett Mr. Recordar see the said letter, with other instruccons howe the iij^{li} is used; and therapon a gentle lettre to be drawne by Mr. Recordars advise for answeere of the said lettre.

fo. 178. **Proclamation against carrying weapons.**

13 August 21 Elizabeth (1579). *Present*—Robert Cripling, Mayor, 4 Alderman, 5 of the xxiv.

A proclamacon against the common use of daggs, handgonnes, hacquebuzes, calyrns and cotes of defence was redd; wherapon it is agreed that there shalbe juryes to inquyer apon the same within every warde of this Citie; and that precepts shall be mayde forth ymediatly for warnyng of the said juryes accordyngly.¹

fo. 180. **Commission for light horsemen.**

22 August 21 Elizabeth (1579). *Present*—Robert Cripling, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 7 of the xxiv.

The Quenes majesties comysion directed to my L. Maior and Aldermen was now red the tenur whereof ensewith, as hereafter followeth, upon reding of which it was agreed that precepts shalbe derected to the bailiffs of the Aynstie comanndinge them to cause all the gentlemen of the Aynstie with the constables and honest persons of everie towne and hamlet personallye to apere before the commysioners at the Counsel Chamber upon ousebridge to morowe at viij of the clocke before none, and then assessement to be made accordinge to the Comission.

The name and maners of the gentlemen appointed to be warned to appere.

Gabriell Fairfax	}	Esquiers	The names of the [men that]		
John Inglebie			lyeth for solgers.		
Peter Lawson			}	lyeth for sodgers	
Peter Newark					
James Thwaite					
William Barnebie					
Robert Snawsell	}	Gentlemen	Anthony Dawson		
Cuthbert Fairfax			George Wilson,		
Henrie Fairfax			baker		
Charles Wharton			Richard Dent		
Robert Shawe					

¹ The full text of the Proclamation is given on *fo.* 178-9.

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(*fo.* 181b). To our trustie and welbeloved the Maior and Aldermen of the Citie of Yorke and to everie member of them to two at the least

By the Quene

Trustie and welbeloved we grete you well. And for as much as we have resolved for our especiall service in our realme of Ireland to have a number of light horsemen levied in our countie of Yorke and other places in the north parts of this realm, whereof we have appointed the number of fower light horsemen are to be levied in that our Cyttie of York and the Aynstie, and liberties within the same, and the same to be well chosen men most mete for our service, on horsebacke, everie man to be well furnished with a good and strong horse or geldinge, and a good coat of plaite, skull and staffe, sword, dagger, hose, dublet, bootes and spures and other thyngs necessarie; for the levinge and preparinge whereof we have thought good for the speciall trust and confidence we have in your wisdomes and dexteriteis to appointe you our speciall Commissioners, willinge and comaundinge and authorishinge yow, and everie too of you at the least, without open muster to call before you suche persones, and to take indifferent order without partialitie or afficon to anie inhabitants in the said lymittes under the degree of a baron to be chargeable hereunto, so that it be done with the most equall and indifferent charge to our subjects, and that the same men may be made redie and well furnished at the indifferent charge of the inhabitants within the said lymites, forseinge also that the poorer sort be not charged, and oure further pleasure is that you taik order that the fower horsemen so furnished shalbe the second daie of September next cominge by nyne of the clocke in the morninge uppon Heworth more before the earle of Huntingdon, President of our Counsell in the North parties.

fo. 185.

Plague Warning.

16 September 21 Elizabeth (1579). *Present*—Robert Cripling, Mayor, 3 Aldermen, 3 of the xxiv.

Agreed that the officers of everie ward shall geve warninge furthwith that no inhabitaunts within this Cittie shall repair to the fayre at Holdon (Howdon) upon St. Mathewesday next, neither to buy nor sell anie marchandize or wairs ther, upon paine of x^{li} and leasinge of his fredome and fortie daies imprisonment, and likewise that like warning be geven unto all the inkepers of this Cittie that they geve warnyng to ther gwestes, that shall lye at ther howses, in goinge towardes the said faire at Holdon, that they nor none of them will lodge them that shall come frome the said faire, nor yet recieve the goodes of anie man that shall come or be brought frome the said faire upon payne of ten poundes.

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fo. 187b.

Quarrels among the Butchers

25 September 21 Elizabeth (1579). *Present*—Robert Cripling, Mayor, William Byrnand, Recorder, 4 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 16 of the xxiv.

Agreed that ther shalbe more standings¹ made for strainge bochers by discrecon of my L. Maior, Mr. Calome, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Graves and Mr. Askwith, Aldermen, who were appoynted to vewe the same, and Mr. Smith, Mr. Birkbie, Mr. Appleyeard, younger, to be ther also.

And wheras ther haith bene certaine variance and controversie betwene the bochers of the west side of Ouse of this Cittie of thone partie, and the bochers of the fleshe shambles of the other partie, for that the said bochers of the west side of Ouse have of lait sold their flesh in Thursday market contrarie to the ordinarie of the free bochers, and for diverse other causes and greifs laitlie risen emongs the said bochers; and the matter beinge fullie hard and debated, by good advise and deliberaton this present day, it is fullie agreed that as well the said bochers of the Shambles and also the bochers on the west side of Ouse and all other bochers of other placs of this Cittie and suburbs shalbe frome hensforth of one Companie and to be serched and presented by ther searchers and fyned for ther offences, frome tyme to tyme, accordinge to the Ordinall of the fre bochers of this Cittie, upon paine of xl^s; and also it is further agreed that everie fre bocher shall sell ther flesh in there owne shoppes or howses wher they doe dwell, and not to come to sell ther flesh in Thursdaie markett or the Towle bothe ther, upon paine (fo. 188) of xl^s; and that everie the said bochers shall suffer forrein bochers, as come or repaire to the market place called the Thursdaie market and the Towle boath their, for the sellinge of their flesh at ther will and pleasure, without anie let or disturbance of anie fre bochers of this Cittie upon paine of xl^s.

fo. 189. **The raising of Light Horsemen. The Sheriffs' Clerk**

1 October 21 Elizabeth (1579).

To our trustie and welbeloved the Maior and Aldermen of our Cittie of Yorke and to everie two of them.

By the Quene

Trustie and welbeloved we great you well; wherebie [in] our lettres we did appoint oure right trustie and right welbeloved cosen, the Earle of Huntingdon, our President of our Counsell in the North parties, to cause a certane number of light horsmen to be levied in oure Countie of Yorke and other placs within his charge to be ymployed in oure service in oure realme of Ireland, the execucon of which oure comandement since for some consideracons we caused by lettres frome oure Counsell attendinge upon our person to be

¹ Standings; here mean standing places.

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stayed; nowe neverthelesse we havinge necessarie cause to renewe oure said appointment for our said service in oure saide realme of Ireland have geven ordre unto our said President to levie the nomber of two hundreth light horsemen within our said Countie and other the said plac; and forasmuch as we thinke it mete bothe to spare the persones of our subjects within that our Cittie of Yorke and the liberties of the same, and to ease the rest of our other subjects that personallie doe serve, we have thought good to appoint the some of one hundrethe poundes to be levied within our said Cittie of Yorke and lyberties of the same; wherein we require and charge you that you doe with all deligens se the said somme of c^{li} to be levied furthwith and saiflie sent and delivered to our said President at our Citte of Yorke, the viijth of October next; nothinge dowtinge of your discesion aswell in respectinge the quallities and abylyties of oure subjects in your assessemments within our said Cittie and liberties therof as in the spedie execucon of this oure pleasure. Yeven under our signet at our Cittie of Yorke (*fo.* 189b) the xxixth of September.

And by her Counsell

To my lovinge frendes the L. Maior and Aldermen of the Cittie of Yorke with spede.

Thes ar to let yow understand that although I have no doubte of your wise, discreat and dewtifull dealinge in that matter, for which you shall receive her Majesties lettres of Commission, yet for the mannour how to deale therein. I have thought it fit to geve yow some advyse; but first I must tell you that the meaning is, even of hir Majesties, to have speciallie no poore husbandman nor other power man of what vocacon so ever to be touched for this service, but that it shold be supplied by the ablest sort of gentlemen, merchants, grasiours or speciall rich farmers, and hereafter yow must taik head how and upon whome of them that dwell in the countrie townes that be in youre Countie you doo for this matter lay anie burden, except they be able, mete grasiers or riche farmers; yow shall rather charge yourselfs and others in your towne that be the most able, and so the burden for this matter will not be verie great to anie, though perhapps more than haith bene accustomed, because comonlie thuse haith bene to make suche levyes by the pole¹ and not by the purse; and for the better example, yow, my L. Maior, doe well to begyn lyberallie with your selfs. So with comendement in the Lord to yow all I comitt you to his mercifull tuicon. At York the xxixth of September 1579.

Your frend in the Lord,

H. Huntindoun.

You must send the money hether to Yorke the viijth of October next with a certificat of your doings, as well for the persons

¹ By the pole; by counting heads.

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names that yow doe charge, as for the somes that everie man doth pay.

Also when and where the matter was in question touching Mr. James Birkbie, his office for the clerkship, for the keping of the Sheriffes Courts, and being of the Sherifs clerk, and the graunte thereof made unto him; and whether that the same was good in lawe, for that the condicon conteyned in the said grant was broken or not, as it was thought; and whether that yf the said Mr. Birkbie had forfeited the same or not; and whether that if the said grant were forfeited or void in lawe or not; and whether that the advantage of the forfeiture shold be taken yf the same were forfeited or not. And the (*fo. 190b*) matter beinge opned before all thes presents, and a great companie of the Comon Counsell, and of divers other substenciall Cyttizens of this Cittie to the number of thirtie persons, then beinge present, it was agreed by all the said presents, with consent of the said Comon Counsell and Comons, that the advantage of breache of the said condicon shold be taken, and a new grant thereof to be made to some other mete person for the said office for two or thre yeares or more upon his good behaviour, to try the said grant made unto the same James Birkbie be void in lawe or not.

The request of the Commons

First, all thinkes the pattent forfeited. All thinkes that thadvantage and seizure shalbe had and taken, and that thereupon we assent that this howse, yf they think mete, shall call Mr. Birkbie before them to know if he will yeald upp his pattent as forfeited. And there uppon my L. Maior and Sheriffs yf they thinke good to grant it to him for the next yeare upon good condicons to be set downe and devised for the weale of the Sheriffs and of the Cittie, and yf Mr. Birkbie doe refuse this, then this house to appoint another mete man to have auctoritie for the space of one yeare or more, as ned shall require, onlie to bringe the matter in question and tryall.

fo. 190b.

The case of James Birkby.

6 October 21 Elizabeth (1579) *Present*—Robert Cripling, Mayor, William Byrnand, Recorder, 4 Aldermen.

The matter was in question touching Mr. James Birkbie, his grante of the office of Sherifes clerke of this Cittie, and also for that the said James Birkbie had complained him to my L. President and Counsell, and had brought my L. Maior, diverse Aldermen, manie of the Privie Counsell of this Cittie called the xxiiij, and diverse other Comoners of the said Cittie, before my said L. President and Counsell for the said matter. And the said James Birkbie, beinge present, was demaunded whie he had so done and emongs diverse wordes ther spoken unto the said James Birkbie by my L. Maior and his Bretheren, my L. Maior required

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the said James Birkbie to deliver into the Chamber of the said Cittie the trewe records of the Sherifs Turnes, and all other the Sheriffs Courte bookes, ther saillie to be kept, who then and ther answered that he wold not deliver the same. And the said James Birkbie did then and ther deliver a lettre unto my L. Maior, directed unto my L. Maior, Aldermen and others of the Previe Counsell of this Cittie frome my said L. President concernynge the said office, whiche lettre is here under written and followethe, word by word.

To the L. Maior of Yorke, the Aldermen, his brethren and other of the Previe Counsell to the said Cittie.

My Lord Maior, sins you were with me yesterdaie, I doo understand by Birkbie that he can not get suche counsell here in this Cittie as he wold, and as his cause requireth, and therefore he prayeth sparing to deale in sorte as was moved till he may get suche advise as he haith ned of, whiche will not be till after the terme. Me thinks his request deserveth to be favored; and I doe not doubt but yow L. and Brethren, with the rest of your Counsell, will easilie agre unto this his demaund, except ye can thinke some other way to come to an accord, which he semethe to be speciallie desirous of; and surelie I cold wishe it were so, for by all that I have hard said, there is no great cause whye anie other course shold be thought to be better yf his grant be good, and that he will yeild to reason, notwithstanding the validitie hereof, which I wish him to doe, because yow, my L. Maior semeth to me to affect in this matter nothings but the publike comoditie of this Cittie, whiche is well done of yowe, and to your office most agreable (*fo. 191*), and for him in my opinion not unfitt to consent unto, because he is now a member of this bodie. And yet I must say as I have said before this tyme, if his pattent be good in lawe (*fiat justicia*). I trust thes may suffice to persuaide you and the rest to conclud of some good means to bringe the matter to a good end, which I wish; and so comit you all to the Lord Jesus. At the manner this vth of October 1579.

Your frend in the Lorde. H. Huntingdon.

Whiche lettre being red the said James Birkbie was commaunded to go furthe of the said chamber for a tyme that my L. Maior and his Bretherne might consell together touchyng my said L. Presidents lettre, and so the said James Birkbie went forth of the chambre. And after a litle consultacon had of the said lettre emongs my L. Mayor, Mr. Recorder and thaldermen, the said James Birkbie was called into the chamber ageyne, who than and there did appere before theis presens. And it was demaunded of hym he wold submyt hymself to theis presens, (accordyng to the forme of my L. President lettre and request) and the resydewe of the Previe Counsell of this Citie concernyng his said office or not; wherunto the said James Birkbie made answeare, that he had not

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his lerned Counsell there, wherby he could not gyve my L. Mayor any answeare therin before he should speak with his learned Counsell, whiche wold be after the end of this Michelmas terme, but he sayed that if my L. Mayor and his Bretherne wold putt the same matter to thordre of foure of the Queenes majesties Counsell in the North parts, and some of the Aldermen and xxiiij, who he had good likyng of, that then he wold be content to abide there ordre; otherwise he wold stand to the tryall of his grante therof made unto hym. And so refused to submyt hymself unto my L. Mayor, his Bretherne and xxiiij as was requested by the said lettre. And then my L. Mayor requyred the said James Birkbie to bryng and delyver unto the said Chambre all suche bookes of Sheryffes Turnes and other the trewe Records touchyng the Sheryffs Courts, and all other bookes whiche he had concernyng the said office, whiche to doo he than and there utterly refused, and sayed he wold delyver none of the said bookes.

fo. 192. **The case of Birkby. New Sheriff's Clerk chosen.**

Business for Parliament.

12 October 21 Elizabeth (1579) *Present*—Robert Cripling, Mayor, 5 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 11 of the xxiv, 39 of the Common Council, and 55 of the Common.

Assembled in the Common Hall concerninge Mr. James Birkbie pattent of Sheriffs Clerke; and so the matter beinge opned to the said searchers and Comon Counsell and Comons, they desired respite to goe together and they wold geve ther advises what were best to be done; who therupon consultacon had together they brought in ther request and assent in writinge and delivered it to theis presens.

The request and assent of the Comons as assembled the xijth of October 1579. First the generall request is for that Mr. Birkbie haithe bene moved and required to yeild up his pattent to the use of the Sheriffes of the Cittie of Yorke; that now be and in tyme to come shalbe, and to stand to the curtisie of the same Sheriffs, and seinge his answeare is that he wold not so doo; that therefore one mete man maybe appointed to have auethoritie for the triall of the forfeiture of Mr. Birkbie pattent, and he to have a speciall grant or pattent of the office for two or thre yeares, as lawe will permit and to pay nothinge for the first yeare of his entre, and also of the said pattent under suche condicons as may be thought mete to be set doune, for the weale of the Sheriffs and comoditie of the Cittie, and after the triall therof never anie pattent to be granted but the choisinge of the clerke to be at the will and pleasure of the Sheriffs for ther yeare, and so from tyme to tyme and yeare to yeare to contynewe for ever.

(*fo.* 192b) And nowe it was agreed with consent of the said Comons that William Vavator, gentleman, shall have a grant of the

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said office of Sheriffs clerke for two or thre yeares, according to the said Comons request and the same grant to be sealed with the Comon seale.

And now it was opned by my L. Maior that the Parliament is to begin shortlie and the Burgesses must goe up to London; and therefore he requested that if anie of the Comons cold devise anie thinge beneficiall for this Cittie, that they shold consult upon the same and to certifie ther requestes before the goeing up of the Burgesses.

fo. 193. **Parliament business. New M.P. to be chosen.**

Chantry lands.

13 October 21 Elizabeth (1579) *Present*—Robert Cripling, Mayor, 5 Aldermen.

Agred that the Chamberlains shall provid furthwith fortie poundes for the Burgesses viz. xx^{li} a peace, and ther mens lyveries. And that Mr. Graves, one of the Burgesses, to goe up ymediatlie; and he to sewe forth and send downe a wryte ymediatlie for the choisinge of a newe Burgesse for Mr. Gregorie Pacok, agreed that the Chantre landes in this Cittie shalbe purchased to thuse of the Maior and Comonaltie, and a particules to be gotten furth of Mr. Auditors office.

Remembrancs for Mr. Hugh Graves, Alderman, Burgesse for the high Court of Parliament for the Cyttie of York.

First to make sewte to have all the Chantrie lands within this Cittie in fee farme for ever.

(*fo.* 193b) Item that there may be some order tayken at the Parliament that the Citizens of York may tayke apprentices as London and Norwich may do, notwithstanding the Statute of *Anno v^{to} Elizabethae Reginae*.

Item to have in remembrance the sewte for the amendement of the river of Ouse.

Item that you send downe a writt for chosing of a newe Burgesse.

Item that you remember all your former instruccons that you had at the last Parliament.

fo. 195. **French to be taught at St. Anthony's Hall.**

Agreed that William Pinke shall have the lyttle chappell in St. Anthonie hall to teache children to wryte and read French perfutely.

fo. 195b. **Lists to be made of contributors to the campaign in Ireland. Food for Prisoners.**

20 November 22 Elizabeth (1579) *Present*—Robert Cripling, Mayor, 3 Aldermen. 15 of the xxiv.

¹ See *Statutes of the Realm* vol. IV. 414.

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To our trustie and welbeloved the L. Maior and Aldermen of our Cyttie of Yorke and for everie of them.

By the Quene

Trustie and welbeloved we greate yowe well; where of layt we awarded our lettres of Commission unto you for the levyinge of a certaine some of money within that our Cyttie of York, and the Countie and lyberties of the same, towards the furnitur and settinge forwards of certaine light horsemen for our service in our realme of Ireland; we have thought to have a particular and breif not of the severall rates and fynes wherewith our subjects therbe chargyd for the service, and therefore we will and comaund yowe that ye furthwith cause a perfett not to be maid of the names of the persons charged by yow for this service and of ther dwellyngs, and the somes wherewith they be charged, and the said note and raites to certifie in wryting under your handes and seales, with all convenient speade.

xvjth November

And by her Counsell.

(*fo.* 196) Agreed that the prysoners in the Kydcot¹ shall have one who they will appointe to gather with a basket to gather suche rewardes as everie well disposed person will bestowe upon them.

fo. 196b. **Only Citizens to be Waits. Untanned hide.**

4 December 22 Elizabeth (1579). *Present*—Robert Cripling, Mayor, 5 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 5 of the xxiv.

Agreed that ther shalbe comandement geven to the searchers of the waites that they shall not suffer anie strange musicons or minstrells to go abroad within this Cyttie playnge at mens dowers or in their howses other than such as be allowed by statute upon payne of vjs viij^d.

Agreed that no tanner, glover, parchment maker, nor anie other person within this Cittie shall buy anie rawe hydes untanned of anie forreyner in anie place within this Cyttie, but onelie in the Common Market upon payne of vjs viij^d.

fo. 197. **Breach of City rights. Persons called Promoters.**

11 December 22 Elizabeth (1579). *Present*—Robert Cripling, Mayor, William Byrnand, Recorder, 4 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 4 of the xxiv.

Wheras William Allen, draper, was one of the Common Counsell and a fre Cyttizen of this Cyttie, and is also balif of the lybertie of the Deane and Chapter of the church of Yorke; for that the saide William Allyn hath brought in one John Foster of Huntingdon, beinge no croner within the lyberties of this Cyttie, to syt upon the vewe of the boddie of Christopher Smyth, who was sodenlie

¹ This practice of angling through the prison bars for food from passers by continued down into the 18th century.

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slaine within the Mynster garth, and ther charged a jurie of this Cyttie to enquire hereof; therefore yt is this daye ordred that the saide William Allyn shalbe put of the Common Counsell, and that another shalbe chosen in his rome.

And also yt is agreed that certaine persons called promoters¹ shalbe called for and brought before my L. Maior and his Brethren to know how they lyve and who maynteyne them.

fo. 209a.² **Cordwainers Ordinall. The Sheriff's records.**

31 December 22 Elizabeth (1579). *Present*—Robert Cripling, Mayor, William Byrmand, Recorder, 6 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 9 of the xxiv.

For as muche as the cordiners of this Cittie have thre ordinaries, yt ys now agreed that the searchers shall call ther occupacon together, and drawe a newe ordinall and bringe in the same hether at the next meetinge or assemble of this howse, to the intent the same may be than perused, reformed and allowed by my L. Maior, Aldermen and others of this howse whiche thre ordinalles were nowe delyvered to George Tirrye, cordiner, one of the said searchers to the intent aforesayde.

Agreed that Mr. Birkbye shalbe commaunded to bringe in the kay in his custodie where the records of the Sheriffs Court remaine on Mondaie next at suche tyme as the L. Maior shall appointe, and yf he refuse so to doe, that then yt shalbe lawfull to my L. Maior, callinge to him certaine of his Brethren and others, as he shall thinke good, and to cause a locksmith to open the dore, where the saide bookes doe lye, whereof the saide Mr. Birkbie haith the kay, and to search records ther in ther presents and to tayke furth suche records as they shall thynke good for the necessarie affaires of this Cyttie, and to leave a noat of suche records as they taik away, and then thre lockes, and thre keies to be maid, and the L. Maior to have one, the Maiors clerk another, and the Sheriffs clerk, the third.

fo. 210b.

Chantry Lands.

8 January 22 Elizabeth (1579-80). *Present*—Robert Cripling, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 1 of the xxiv.

Whereas Mr. Graves, Alderman, one of the Burgesses of this Citie, hath instruccons to purchase to the use of the Mayor and Comonaltie of this Citie the late Chantrie lands of this Citie; it is nowe agreed that if Mr. Graves doo obteyne the same accordyngly, that than Mr. Graves shall have to leas for lx yeres of suche the said late Chantrie lands as he hath in leas; and he to pay suche yerely rent for the same as he now payeth.

¹ Promoter A professional informer. N.E.D.

² Folios 198-209 contain the names of those living in York and the Ainsty who contributed to the cost of equipping and maintaining of light horsemen.

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fo. 214.

Pulling down a house in Walmgate.

20 January 22 Elizabeth (1579-80). *Present*—Robert Cripling, Mayor, 5 Aldermen, 6 of the xxiv.

Robert Watter,¹ hatter, beyng charged for pullyng downe of a parcell of a tenement without Walmegate barr, late in thooccupacon of Uxor Potts did now submitt hym self to abide thordre of my Lord Mayour and Aldermen.

fo. 215b. **The Lord Mayor is in prison. Deputy appointed.**

Watch in the Wards.

25 January 22 Elizabeth (1579-80). *Present*—Christopher Herbert, *locum tenens*, William Byrnand, Recorder, 4 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 10 of the xxiv.

Forsomoche as my Lord Mayor is now commytted to the Castle by commande of my Lord Evers, L. Vicepresident and others the Queenes majestie honorable Counsell in theis North parts, for speakyng of certayne woordes; and so this Citie is presently destitut of a Governour; it is therfor now agreed that Mr. Christopher Harbert, Alderman, shalbe Lieutenant for my said L.M. untill suche tyme as Mr. Robert Askwith, Maior-elect, hath taken his oathe, onles the said L. Mayour shalbe released of his impresonment before that tyme.

It is agreed that sexe sufficyent men shalbe appoynted to watche in every warde, by the discrecon of the wardens, in suche places and in suche sorte as they shall thynke good untill suche tyme as further ordre shalbe taken; and the said watche to begynne at viij of the clocke at night and to contynewe every night untill fyve of the clock in the mornyng; and the constables to be aidyng and assystyng to the same; viz, in every warde a constable every nyght.

(fo. 216) Agreed that oure neue Maister shall this day in the after noone takyng with hym the maceberer and swordberer repaire to my said Lord Mayor to the Castle, to see if he will delyver forthwith to thands of our said neue Maister or one of the Aldermen, to the use of the Mayor and Comminaltie of this Citie, all suche plate, money, jewells and other thyngs belongyng to this Corporacon, as are in his custodie at his hows in Lathrop; or ells that watche shalbe kept abowte his said hows duryng the tyme of his absens for saifty of the same, by discrecon of Mr. Lieutenaunt and our neue Maister, untill suche tyme as my said L. Mayour shalbe released of his imprysonment.

¹ Later Sir Robert Watter, who gave to the City the gold chain of office worn by the Lord Mayor.

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fo. 217. **A mad woman. Rules of the Chancery Court.**

29 January 22 Elizabeth (1579-80). *Present*—Robert Cripling, Mayor, William Byrnand, Recorder, 5 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 7 of the xxiv.

Agreed that Agnes Egleston who had weeklie ij^d, shalbe paied weeklie from hens forth vj^d, to her weeklie at Trenytie hospitall; also that John Trewe shall have iiij^s payed him for kepinge of the said Agnes in her madnes since monday was a sennett.

Agreed that the orders of the Chancerie Court shalbe wrytten faire and set in a table and hunge in the Counsell Chambre or other place convenient.

fo. 218. **No more venison at mayoral feasts.**

3 February 22 Elizabeth (1579-80).

Aggreed that frome hensforth no Lord Mayour of this Citie shall have any venyson at his great feast, nor that the said L. Mayour shall have any venyson at his feast made at his entrie into his office; apou payne that every Mayour offendyng herin shall forfait for every suche offens x^{li}.

fo. 219. **New Mayor. Citizens ask for Corpus Christi Play.**

St. Blaise day, 3 February 22 Elizabeth (1579-80). *Present*—Robert Asquith, Mayor, William Byrnand, Recorder, 5 Aldermen 2 Sheriffs, 12 of the xxiv.

The newe mayour toke his oath of Mayoraltie accustomed and nowe the Commons did earnestly request of my L. Mayour and others this worshipfull Assemblée that Corpus Christi play might be played this yere; wherapon my L. Mayour answered that he and his Brethren wold consider of their request.

fo. 220. **Gatelaw.**

5 February 22 Elizabeth (1579-80).

For somuch as Lawrens Atkynson taketh Gatelawe¹ within the suburbes and liberties of this Citie, it is aggreed that the Charters and other Records of this Citie shalbe searched to se what can be founde for the defense therof, and Mr. Recorder to peruse the same.

fo. 222b. **Plague danger. Exhortations to attend church.**

19 February 22 Elizabeth (1579-80) *Present*—Robert Asquith, Mayor, William Byrnand, Recorder, 4 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 10 of the xxiv.

Agreed that for avoydinge of daunger of the plaige, watche shalbe kept at the barres and postrons. The watche to begyn on Monday next.

¹ Gatelaw. See York Civic Records, vol. VII, p. 176.

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Agreed that precepts shalbe derected furthwith to the curaits and church-wardens of this Cyttie commaundinge theym that the curats doo exhort all ther parishioners to resort to ther parish church everie sonday and holidaiies accordinge to the Statute; and also to come to sermons and lectors to the Minster on sondaies, and that the churchwardens shalbe cherged to levie by way of distresse of the goodes of the offendars xij^d for everie sonday and holidaiie that they come not to church, and to mak certificat of ther doinges herin to my L. Maior and Aldermen monethlie.

fo. 223.

River banks. Sheriff's books.

Presents of Wine.

24 February 22 Elizabeth (1578-9). *Present*—Robert Asquith, Mayor, William Byrnand, Recorder, 5 Aldermen, 8 of the xxiv.

Agreed that the Ousbanckes shalbe vewed tomorrowe at after none by my Lord Maior and suche of the Aldermen as he shall think good.

Agreed that all suche bookes of the Sheriffs Courts, as was latlie delyvered by Mr. Birkbie into this house, shalbe delyvered to him againe, and laid up in the howse appointed for that purpose; and that Mr. Cripplings, Alderman, shalbe in the meane tyme required to send the key of a newe cubbord to my L. Maior, where certaine of the said bookes doe remaine.

(fo. 223b). Agreed that Mr. Sergeant Roodes and Mr. Recordar shall have either of them one hodeshead of gascoigne wyne.

Agreed that the Judges and the Clerke of Assise shall yerelie from hensforth dyne at the L. Maior place two tymes in the yeare, that is to say, on monday in Lent assise week, and on monday in Lamasse assise weeke, and that the common clerke, and one of the esquiers shall ymediatlie after ther next repaire to this Cyttie, let them have intelligens thereof, and in consideracon of the said charges it is further agreed that the L. Maior for the tyme beinge shall have yerelie half a tonne of gascoigne wyne.

fo. 225.

**Union of Churches. The late Mayor to
be deprived of his Aldermanship.**

2 March 22 Elizabeth (1579-80). *Present*—Robert Asquith, Mayor, William Byrnand, Recorder, 5 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 12 of the xxiv.

Agreed that my L. Maior at the next cominge of the Queenes majesties Justices of assise to this Cittie, when they shalbe at his howse, shall taik ther advise touchinge the lait unytinge of churches within this Cyttie.

And now it is agreed that Mr. Robert Cripling for certain negligences and other abuses duringe his office of Maioraltie shalbe clerelie discharged forever of his office of Aldermanshipp and of being of the Previe Counsell of this Cittie.

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fo. 226.

Materials for Ouse bank repairs.**Four beadles to arrest beggars.**

4 March 22 Elizabeth (1579-80). *Present*—Robert Asquith, Mayor, William Byrnand, Recorder, 6 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 13 of the xxiv.

Agreed that the Chamberlaines that now be, and one of the old Chamberlaines shall vewe the bourds which was bought for the use of this Cittie to repaire Ousbank, and they to certifie this howse furthwith howe manie bourds ther be.

Agreed that Walmesley shall make an end of the work at Lathropp postron and that lyme and sand and other things shalbe provided for him to worke with all speed.

Agreed that iiij beddells shalbe appointed for to apprehend beggers and vagarant persons that goeth about within this Cyttie.

fo. 226b.

Deprivation of Robert Cripling.

Where as Robert Criplyng, late Mayour of this Citie, and yet Alderman of the same, did in the tyme of his Mayoraltie, not onely of playne purpose, wilfulnes omytt sundry thyngs, whiche apperteyned to his dewtie, office, credite and the credite of this Citie to have bene executed or provided, that they might have bene executed; as where there is besyds the generall lawes of this Realme a speciall lawe or ordynans made by the Mayour of this Citie for the tyme beyng, his brethren the Aldermen, wherof the said late Mayour was then one, and other of the Counsell of the same, accordyng to the custome and usage of this Citie, for the punnyshment of suche as obstinatly and wilfully refused to come to devyne service in their parisshe churches on the sondayes and holydayes; he duryng the wholle tyme of his Mayoraltie did utterly neclecte and omytt to putt or cause to be putt in execucon the said ordynans, contrary to the request and admonycon of some of the Aldermen, and his owne promyses gyven to sundry of the greatest estates and magistrates under the Queenes majestie in their parties. And over this when the said late Mayour at the tyme of his elecon to the said office, faithfully promysed to the Aldermen and wholle Commons (for otherwise he could not have bene elected to the said office) that he wold before Easter then next folowyng inhabite and lighe within the said Citie, for the bettar lokyng to the good order and government therof; duryng the resydewe of his said Mayoraltie, whiche his promyse he wilfully and obstynatly refused to performe, contynewing his habitacon and lodgyng duryng the wholle tyme of his Mayoraltie without the precynctes of this Citie; a thyng never hard of before.

And when it hath pleased the Queenes majestie and other hir most noble progenytours, Kings and Queenes of this Realme of their kountifull favours towards this Citie to grant and confirme to

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the Citizens of the same many greate and large liberties and privileges; and emongest others to the Mayour of the same, for the tyme beyng, execucion of justice for the punnyshement of offendars and defens of the innocent, and as as apparant showes and signes of the same to have a sworde and mace carried before hym; the said late Lord Mayour in contempte as it may seme, or over light regarde of the said honorable signes, hys office, place and callyng, hath in the tyme of his Maioraltie most undecently about tenne of the clocke in the day tyme shamed hymself walkyng in the pryncipale streete (*fo. 227*) of this said Citie, in his cote withowte any gowne upon hym with a piked staf on his back, and withowte any person attendyng upon hym; albeit he hath at the chardges of this Citie allowed for the honour of his office a good nombre persons to attend upon hym at all tymes; and havyng left the said honorable signes of his awthoritie withowte the precyncte of this Citie, to the grief of all the good Citizens of the same, and rejoyce of the enemyes therof, if anybe; and wherof hym self then made and accompeted but as a matter of mockerie, beyng gently and reverentlye reprovved therfore or putt in remembrans of the unsomlynes of the thyng, by some of the discrete and good Citizens of this Citie. Lastly and pryncipally, where the said late Mayour, beyng generally untemperate in woordes, and unorderedly in his dedes and demeanour, hath of late bene chardged and convicted before the right honorable the Lord President and Counsell with the utteryng of certayne opprobriouse slanderouse and irreligiouse woordes against Mr. Palmer, Chancellour in the Mynster, and ymmediatly upon his sermon rayled, and affirmyng openly with violent and disorderly speeches, that he had made a railyng sermon, to the greate mislikyng of his bretherne, the Aldermen, and other good Cittizens of this Citie, who then admonysshed hym to stay hym self frome further untemperate talkes; and when at such tyme as he ought to have occupied hym self in the dewe execucon of the Queenes majestie Comysion to hym and others directed for the advancement of hir majesties service to be done in Ireland, he uttered very unsemely and fowle woordes, conteynyng sedieyouse rumour, and tendyng to the contempte of the wholle clergie, wherby as maybe probably conjectured, certayne lewde persons toke incoragmint after to affix and set up in the stretes sedicyouse libells, conteynyng like fithie and lewde speeches, and rumors touchyng the said clergie, where also the said late Mayour havyng with the advise of hir Majesties Counsell here disfranchered John Harper, a Skott, for vile and detestable speeche uttered in contempte of hir said majistie, did notwithstanding procure and assent that the said Harper should be restored to his fredom without the assent of the said Counsell, or the likyng of the bettar sorte of this Citie. For whiche his mysdemeanour, beyng sufficiencytly proved, and for his unreverent and disobedient behaviour before the said Counsell, he was, in the tyme of his mayouraltie, commytte to

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prison, and his offenses notified to the Lords of hir majesties Previe Counsell, (*fo.* 227b) a thinge whiche before hath not happened in this Citie, and whiche was to the specyall descomfort of the Citizens therof, in that occasion therby might by hir majestie and Counsell have bene taken to thynke, that they the said Citizens had over light regarde to their deweties in electyng so rashe and heady a man to be there chief governour, savyng that it pleased theym to conceyve bettar of the said Citizens then occasion by the doyns of the said late mayour was gyven. In consideracon of theis his said offences and others by hym committed, whiche to theis said presens are to well knowne; albeit for some respects the publicacon therof be omytted, and for manyfest declaracon of our detestacon of his lewdenes, havynge receyved favour frome the Lord President and the Counsell to deale with hym as a member of this Citie; we nowe do ordre and decree that the said Robert Criplyng shall forever hereafter, not onely be and remayne excluded and depryved frome the Counsell and Company of this hows; but also frome the place, office and callyng of Alderman of this Citie; and that in all convenient tyme an other mete person shalbe chosen to supplie his place and office, and over that he shall frome hensforth be and stand forever desfranchised and depryved frome all freedome of this Citie, and frome all benefits, which he may in any wise chalenge by reason of the same. And we also ordre and decree that the said John Harper aswell for his foresaid offens, as for other notoryous misdemeanours, latly commytted, shal likewise frome hensforth be and stand for ever depryved from all freedome of this Citie; leavyng the said Criplyng and the said Harper to be further punysshed at the pleasure of the said Lord President and Counsell.

fo. 228.

Attendance at Church.

22 March 22 Elizabeth (1579-80). *Present*—Robert Asquith, Mayor, William Byrmand, Recorder, 5 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 6 of the xxiv.

The Queenes Majesties Commission to my Lorde Maior and Aldermen directed was red; whereupon yt is nowe agreed that precepts shalbe made to the curate and churchwardens of everie parishe within this Cyttie and everie towne in the Aynstie, commaundinge them to appeare before my L. Maior and Aldermen in ther severall wardes, and to be straitlie chardged with execucon thereof and to make certificats on fryday afore Low Sunday next to my L. Maior and Aldermen.

(*fo.* 228b). Agreed that all persons shalbe commanded to resorte to ther churches whereunto they be united before sunday next.

Agreed that the six officers at Mace to my L. Maior shall have xxx^s a pece in the wholle towards ther lyveries, so that everye third yeare they buy them newe gownes of one sewyt; and eyther

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of the L. Maior gents to have xiijs iiij^d in augmentacon of ther wages towards ther clothinge.

fo. 230.

A Preacher for the City.

8 April 22 Elizabeth (1580).

Agreed that ther shalbe a precher for this Cyttie yf sufficient money can be had for mainteynaunce therof.

fo. 230b.

**Salary of City Preacher. Corporation
Pews in Minster. Street cleaning.**

13 April 22 Elizabeth (1580). *Present*—Robert Asquith, Mayor, 4 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 6 of the xxiv.

Agreed that ther shalbe iiij warrants made, that is to say, for everie ward one, to comaund all the constables of everie parishe wythin this Cyttie to bring in the trewe copies of all the power folkes billes within this Cyttie, that my L. Maior and his Brethren may consider of the same for the assessing of everie person of this Cyttie, what everye of them shall pay yearlie towards the finding of a precher within this Cyttie, and the same to be borne of the Cyttie charge.

Also it is agreed that the three seggarstones of the Mynster shall have yearly paid unto theym at Whitsonday x^s, so that they kepe the rowmes in the Mynster at the sermon and service tymes for my Lord Mayour, his Brethren and the Sheryffes for the tyme beyng in thare stalles, and for my Lady Mayores, the ladyes and other the Aldermen wifs, an other stalle there; and the rowmes for thois of the Citie as have bene Sheriffs, for their wifs, and for the sword bearer and mace bearer, and Comon Clerk. And so that the said seggerstones suffer no others to sitt in their rowmes and do kepe the stalls clene withowt filth.

(fo. 231). Agreed that ther shalbe foure skavengers within this Citie, that is to say, everye ward one, for carieng away donge, sweeppyng and asshes, all that every man will putt owte at there doores, and to kepe clene the stretes of this Citie and suburbes, that the same stretes may be made clene every tewersday, thursday and saturdayes, so that the said filth etc. be laide on heapes by thowners therof at their doores ready to be caried away; and the said skavengers to have all the donge and filth for their paynes, and suche wages besyds, as my Lord Mayour and his Brethrens shall sett downe for the same; and the same to be caried unto suche places as my L. Mayour shall likewise appoynte.

Agreed that Jane Catton, who haith lien in the kidcote by the space of vj weekes, and beinge suspected for the killinge of a yonge childe, which was found cast and drowned in Fosse, who synce she was comytted unto warde haith bene delivered of childe, and that she haith bene so longe in prison without anie just cause; therefore

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it is agreed that the sayd Jane Catton shall have furthwith paide unto her by Mr. Chamberlaynes of this Cyttie the somme of xxvj^s j^d accordinge to a bill of charges mayd by the same Jane.

fo. 231b.

**Arrangement for people to attend
the Minster.**

22 April 22 Elizabeth (1580). *Present*—Robert Asquith, Mayor, William Byrnand, Recorder, 8 Aldermen, 4 of the xxiv.

Agreed that when so ever my L. Maior shall thinke good to warne anie persons within this Cyttie to repare to the Minster to the sermons or such like assemblies, that then thofficers to the Maior shall geve commandement to the maisters or head searchers of every occupacon to chardge the occupacons to assemble themselves and come thither together.

fo. 232.

Imprisonment for Assault.

The great Mace. New Scabbards for the City's swords.

15 April 22 Elizabeth (1580). *Present*—Robert Asquith, Mayor, 6 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 12 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that Thomas Lytster, a taylor, shalbe forthwith commytted to ward there to remayne by the space of xx dayes next comyng for making of an assault and affray on Robert Harryson, butcher, one of the churchwardens of St. John parochie at Ousebrig ende comyng to take a distresse of the goods of ———¹ Todde for not comyng to the churche contrary to the Queenes majesties laws.

(fo. 232b). Agreed that the great mace shalbe made to weye in weight of sylver, the some of fortye onces, and to be gilt and graven with the Queenes majesties armes on the same, of the chargs of this Citie; and lykewise that both the swords that ar borne before my Lord Mayour shall have likewise newe skabberdes, and the charges to be payd by Mr. Chamberlaynes; and likewise the hatt of mayntenaunce that the sword berer doeth weare at certayne tymes.

fo. 235.

Bearers wages.

9 May 22 Elizabeth (1580). *Present*—Robert Asquith, Mayor, William Byrnand, Recorder, 8 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 5 of the xxiv.

Agreed that the laborers shall beare frome the Common Stathe unto the furthest hows withowte any the iiij barres of this Citie, a thowsand of turves and a hundred of wood for xvj^d.

And nowe the laborers of this Citie personally appered; and suche of theym as are allowed and apoynted to worke aswell at the Stathe as by day tale as Common Laborers their names hereafter doo ensew².

¹ Blank.

² Folios 235b and 236 contain these names.

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fo. 236b.

City sword and hat of maintenance.

11 May 22 Elizabeth (1580). *Present*—Robert Asquith, Mayor, 2 Aldermen, 4 of the xxiv.

Agreed that William Skott, marcer, shall have Lij^s ij^d for crymyson velvet, whiche was taken of hym for coveryng the swoords and hatt of mayntynans.

fo. 237.

Order for General Muster.

Forasmuche as the Queenes Majistie myndeth to preserve this realme and hir lovyng subjects therin frome the dainger of forren enemys, and for that purpose is desirouse to see hir subjects furnyshed with armour and weapon as apperteyneth, hath therefore directed furth hir Highnes Commission under the greate Seale of Englande to us and others to take generall musters, and to se men furnyshed with armor and weapon, accordyng to her Majisties lawes; theis therfore are to will and commande yowe by vertue of the said Commission imediatly upon the sight herof to write or cause to be written in a faire rolle of paper all the names and surnames of every gentleman and other hable men betwixt the age of xvi and lx yeres, inhabityng within the Citie of Yorke, and to will and comaunde theym, and every of theym, that they and every of theym be personallie before us at Knavesmyre the xxvjth of May instant, before ix of the clocke before noone; and that yowe for the spedier dispatche therof cause theym to be sett or stande in a rawe one by another in order as they be written in the rolle of there names. And further give strayt charge that every man bring with hym all and every suche armor and weapons for footmen, as every of theym is bound by the lawes to have and kepe; and also all suche as of there good wille they promysed to kepe before the late Commissoners in the xvth yere of the Queenes majesties reigne. And further that yowe bryng thether with youe all the commone armor and weapons that the inhabitants of your townships and parishes were appoynted to kepe by the said late Commissioners, the severall kynds wherof hereafter recyted, that is to say, corseletts, alman revets, playtcoats, curryers, calevers, harquebuses, hand gones, longe bowes, sheifs of arrowes, halbarts, partizens, pikes, blackbills, murryans, salletts, skulls, stele caps; and that youe and that every other person and personnes fale not to performe the premisses and every part therof as youe and every of theym will answeare at your and there perills. Yearne the ixth day of Maye 1580.

H. Huntyngdon
R. Stapleton.

our lovyng frends the
Mayor and Aldermen of
the Citie of York.

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fo. 238b. **The new Mace and Hat of Maintenance.**

19 May 22 Elizabeth (1580). *Present*—Robert Asquith, Mayor, William Byrnand, Recorder, 7 Aldermen, 6 of the xxiv.

Agreed that a bill of charges, toching the makinge of the newe mace and garnishing the same, and for mendinge the hatt of mayntenaunce exhibited by William Pearson, goldsmyth, amountinge to the somme of xxv^{li} viij^s iij^d shalbe furthwith payed by the Chamberlaines of this Cyttie; whiche bill of parcells hereafter followeth:

Inprimis for Lvj ounces and a halfe of silver and for the makinge of the great mace and giltinge of the same xxiiij^{li} iij^d.
Item for a bolt of iron for the said mace to the smythe, iiiij^s.
Item for garnishinge the two swordes and for silver and giltinge the same, xxiiij^s.

(*fo.* 239). Charges for a newe hatt of maintenaunce payd to Peter Wilkinson, hatter.

First one felt hatt	...	...	...	...	iiij ^s
Item one goulde edge	...	...	...	...	iiij ^s iiiij ^d
Item one goulde tassell	...	...	...	...	v ^s
Item for the lyninge in the heade	...	...	...	...	xviiij ^d
Item for a cover of buckram	...	...	...	...	ij ^s
Item one goulde bande	...	...	...	...	xxij ^s viij ^d
Item for makinge of the same hatt	...	...	...	...	ij ^s vj ^d
Summe					xl ^s

It is agreed that the newe gilted mace shalbe borne before the Lord Maior for the tyme beinge at principall feasts.

fo. 239b. **Present of sugar to the Archbishop's Wife.**

Soldiers' trainer. Walmgate Ward Butts.

3 June 22 Elizabeth (1580). *Present*—Robert Asquith, Mayor, 6 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 6 of the xxiv.

Agreed that xij^{li} of sugar whiche was gyven to Mistres Sands, wife to my Lord Archebusshop, at hir returne from London, to the valew of xx^s shalbe paied by the Chamberlaines forthwith.

(*fo.* 240). Aggreed that Richard Gates, trayner of the xxx men latly appoynted within this Citie and Aynstie for shott with the harquebuzes or calyver shall have xiiij^s iiiij^d yerely for his fee, for lookyng to the harquebutts and calyvers and other furnytur belongyng to the said xxx men, and for seying all the same kept in good ordre at all tymes.

Aggreed that the pasture maisters of Walmgate warde shall have a writyng or lycens for the bettar furtherans of makyng of the butts for the said ward so that the sodds be taken within the liberties of this Citie.

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fo. 241.

Arrangements for a City Preacher.

10 June 22 Elizabeth (1580). *Present*—Robert Asquith, Mayor, 6 Aldermen, 4 of the xxiv.

Certayne of the Commons of this Citie viz. Robert Bekwith, Richard Murton, William Bekwith, Thomas Waller, William Pacock, Robert Pereson and Parcyvall Brooke personally appered before theis presens; and they beyng letten to understand that a certayne somme of money amountyng to xli^{li} or ther abouts was by my L. Mayor and Aldermen and others for maynteynans of a preacher within this Citie, and requyred theym to aggree there consents to the same; wherapon the said Commons did therto freely gyve their consents.

Agreed that with all convenient spede a well learned man shalbe gotten and provided to be a preacher for this Citie; and he to hav yerely for his fee or wags fourty pounds to be payed forth of the costes of the Common Chambre, at the feast of the birth of oure Lord God, and the natyvitie of Saynt John Baptist by evene porcons; provided alwayes that if the L. Mayor, Aldermen, Shirefs and others the Previe Counsell of this Citie or the greater part of theym shall myslike of the said preacher than it shalbe leafull for theym to descharge hym and appoynte an other well learned man to be preacher in his place.

fo. 243b.

**Brick stall to be removed. Assessments
for poor rate. Fishing day. A Ducking stool.**

22 June 22 Elizabeth (1580). *Present*—Robert Asquith, Mayor, 6 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 3 of the xxiv.

Agreed that John Harper, taylor, shall before St. Peter and Pawle day next comyng, taik away his stall of breake¹ upon paine of fortie shillinges; and he to make a clere stoye upon the frame of his howse and not without apon like paine of fortie shillinges.

Agreed that no brother of the cordiners crafte shall sewe one another without license of the searchers, so that the searchers taik order within xiiij dayes after complainte, or ells to be at lybertie upon payne of vjs viij^d.

Agreed that assessemments for the power of this Cyttie shalbe made furth with by the constables and inhabitants of every parishe, so that they rayse so much money within ther severall parishes weekly as was set downe the last yeare, and that billets (fo. 244) shalbe made and delyvered to the constables furthwith accordingle, and they or ther assessors to certifie in ther severall assessemments in writinge this day sennet; and also that they shall then choise newe collectors for the power of everie ther severall parishes and to certifie than ther names.

¹ breake, i.e., brick.

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Agreed that the fyshinge day shalbe on thursday come a sennet and the dynner to be at Mr. Fawcet, Sheriff.

Agreed that a cuke stole¹ or dukinge stole shalbe made at St. George close or other convenient place with all speade.

fo. 244b.

Provision of Bows and Arrows.

1 July 22 Elizabeth (1580). *Present*—Robert Asquith, Mayor, William Byrmand, Recorder, 3 Aldermen, 4 of the xxiv.

Stephen Ellis, gent, shewed a commission under the great Seale of England for mayntenaunce of artillerie and againsts unlawfull games; whereupon yt was agreed that billitts shalbe made furthwith to the constables of everie parishe to cherge all the inhabitants to provyde for themselves, ther sones, servants and apprentices bowes and arrowes according to the statut.

fo. 245b.

Door sign not to be dangerous to passers by.

Lease of part of the Moat. May day and midsummer eve Festivity.

15 July 22 Elizabeth (1580). *Present*—Robert Asquith, Mayor, 6 Aldermen, 3 of the xxiv.

Agreed that Richard ———² shalbe lycensed to hange up a signe at the door of the howse³ which was my Lady Dyneley, so that the same be sett up so that it be not hurtefull for passages thorough that strete.

(fo. 246). Aggreed that ther shalbe a lease made to my Lord President for one hundreth yeardes of a parcell of the moate of the walles of this Cittie nighe unto Bothome barr, to set four pillowes upon, nighe adjoyninge to a newe buildinge in the mannor garth, and he to pay for the same yearlie xij^d.

Agreed that ther shalbe a shewe of armor by the Cyttisens on St. Bartholomew day next at one of the clocke after none, accordinge to the ancyent waye of this Cyttie; and the sheriffs to ryde that day with ther foote clothes, upon payne to be forfeited by theym, as is expressed in thold ordynances ofthis Citie. And so frome hensforth yerely upon Mayday and Midsomar even. And that thofficers of every warde shall in the meane tyme gyve warnyng to the constables, that they may gyve warnyng to the worshipfull and other substancyall men to be ready with there men and furnytur. And the said constables to be likewise furnysshed in armour.

Agreed by my Lord Maior and Aldermen, that went to Bishopthorpe, the day and yere about said that certayne money geven than in reward to my Lord Archbisshopp his offycers amountyn to xj^s shalbe paid by the Chamberlaines.

¹ This is the first mention of provision of a ducking stool for scolds.

² Blank.

³ This house stood in Lop Lane, a narrow thoroughfare near the Minster.

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fo. 246b.

Non-attendance at Church.

26 July 22 Elizabeth (1580). *Present*—Robert Asquith, Mayor, 6 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 5 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that so soone as it is knowne by presentment of the jury nowe charged, what persons have and doo wilfully absente theym selfs frome there parish churches on sundayes or holy dayes in tyme of devyne service, that than forthwith commandement shalbe geven or left at the dwelling howses of all persons, where any suche of them shalbe, that they themselves do resorte, and also do bryng their wifs and children and servants, so offendyng, to thair severall parishe churches within tenne dayes than next comyng, there to remayne orderly and soberly duryng the tyme of devyne service; and so conthynually every sunday and holyday frome thensforth; and also to paye all there fynes for the tyme by past; or els that upon there refusall, as well the persones offending beyng men, as the husbands of all the said wifs, and fathers of all the said children, and maisters of all the said servants so offendyng, to be utterly desfraunchesed, onlesse every person so offendyng can shewe a lawfull excuse for their absens, to be allowed by my Lord Mayor and Aldermen.

fo. 247b.

Submission and apology.

19 August 22 Elizabeth (1580). *Present*—Robert Asquith, Mayor, William Byrnand, Recorder, 6 Aldermen, 7 of the xxiv.

Richard Wythes, yoman, personallie appeared; and for so muche as he haith used him self unreverentlie before my L. Maior, and also the said Richard did make affray upon Thomas Parker, one of the sergiants of the Sheriffes, and did reskewe a prisoner from the said sergiant; and now the said Richard Wythes did humblie submyt himself for his said offenses, and said he was hartelie sorie¹.

fo. 249.

Refusal to pay the poor rate.

31 August 22 Elizabeth (1580). *Present*—Robert Asquith, Mayor, William Byrnand, Recorder, 6 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 3 of the xxiv.

Forasmuch as George Goodyeare of St. Sampsons parishe being called before thes presens for refusinge to pay to the power haith this morninge called together dyverse of the parishioners of St. Sampsons by tolling of the bell, and also haith nowe spoken and geven dyverse evill and unsemelie wordes to thes presens; and also haith discouraged others to pay to the power; the said Goodyere shalbe furthwith comited to ward to John Trewe howse, ther to remaine a close prisoner, savinge his wief to come to him. And before his releasement he to be bound with sufficient sewerties for

¹ He was bound over to keep the peace in his own surety of £100, and two other sureties of £100.

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good abbearinge aganist the Quenes majestie, and all the Cittizens of this Cyttie.

fo. 249b. **Enquiry to be made as to Fishgarths.**

2 September 22 Elizabeth (1580). *Present*—Robert Asquith, Mayor, William Byrnand, Recorder, 4 Aldermen, 3 of the xxiv.

Upon perusinge of the booke of the layt survey of the fishe garthes within the water of Ouse, it was nowe thought expediment (sic.) that before the certificat of the defaults found within the said water were certified into the Quenes majestie Court of the Exchequor, that breif lettres shalbe made to the lordes and occupiers of suche fishe garthes where anie such defaults ar, and sent unto them of the Chambre charges; requiringe them that they before Michelmas next come or send to shewe a lawfull tytle, whye they ought to have anie suche fish garthes; or els as yt is alredie determined the noysances of the same shalbe furthwith certified into the Exchequor, savinge that my L. Archbishopp shalbe spoken with concerninge certaine of the fishgarths.

fo. 256. **Scavengers and their wages.**

21 October 22 Elizabeth (1580). *Present*—Robert Asquith, Mayor, 5 Aldermen, 3 of the xxiv.

Agreed that constables of everie parishe shall collecte and gather the money assessed upon the inhabitants within ther severall parishes for the skavengers, and to begin to collecte at thannunciation of our Ladie next and at Mighelmesse then next after, and so yerelie frome thensforth and the constables to pay the skavengers wages.

And nowe the skavengers ar appointed viz., John Jackson for Walmegait ward, William Drinkall for Monkward, Oswald Chambers for Bothome ward and Robert Shearshawe for Micklithward; and they to be bound to cause the streets to be clensed weeklie, and to begin on saterday next, and so thrise in the weeke viz., tuesday, thursday and satterday, and knowledge to be geven in everie churche that every parishe may bringe furth ther fylth accordinglie.

fo. 261b. **Street Lighting.**

9 November 23 Elizabeth (1580).

Aggreed that lanternes shalbe honge forth every night this wynter before mens howses towards the highe streetes; and iij or iiij to joyne together to fynd the lights, or thois that are most hable.

fo. 258b. **The Castle Mills in a dangerous state.**

18 November 23 Elizabeth (1580). *Present*—Robert Asquith, Mayor, William Byrnand, Recorder, 5 Aldermen, 8 of the xxiv.

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For so muche as the highe way beyond Castell mylnes is in great decay and very daungerous to passengers; it is agreed that my Lord Mayor, callyng to hym certayne Aldermen shall repare to my Lord President, and desyre his Honours lettre to my Lord Treasurer and Sir Walter Mildmay, Knight, and to certifie theym thereby of the decaye of the mylne damme with the banks there and of the said highe way, to the intent that remydie may be had of reparyng therof.

fo. 260.

Hue and Cry.

23 November 23 Elizabeth (1580). *Present*—Robert Asquith, Mayor, William Byrmand, Recorder, 8 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 13 of the xxiv.

Yt is agreed that forasmuche as Huy and Cry is commed to this Cyttie this present mornynge for apprehendinge of one Richard Wythes, and two other persons apparelled in gray cloakes, for a felonye laytlye comytted. It is agreed that search shalbe made furthwith within the said Cyttie and Aynstye for the apprehendinge of the same persons; and the postrons to be shut up, and iiij persons to watch at everie barr; and that lettres shalbe directed to Sir William Babthorp, Knight, and Mr. Bryan Stapleton, Justice of peace within the wapentake betweene Ouse and Darwynt for a searche and apprehension of the said Wythes and suspected persons.

fo. 261.

A non-resident Alderman.

2 December 23 Elizabeth (1580). *Present*—Robert Askwith, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 5 of the xxiv.

Wher as ther was a lettre derected frome my L. Maior to Mr. Alderman Allyn to make his repaire to this Cyttie, and here to contynewe and inhabit; and to assist the Maior and Aldermen with his best advise and counsell; and also to make undilaed payment of all suche money as he doth owe to this corporacon; or els another wold be chosen in his place, and to signifie his answer by Mr. George Fawcett who caried the said lettre. And nowe the said Mr. Fawcett declared that he had delyvered the said lettre, and that the said Mr. Allyn wold not wryt his answer, but required him to signifie his answer by word of mouth to this effect, that he wold pay all the said money before Christmas next; and that before Candlemasse next he wold come and inhabyt in this Cyttie to ayd and assist the L. Maior and Aldermen with his best advise and counsell, or els my L. Maior and his Brethren to use ther descretion as they shall think good; upon which answer thes presens is content to stay, and to se yf the said Mr. Allyn wold performe the same or not.

(fo. 262). 19 December 23 Elizabeth (1580).

Agreed that sex post horses shalbe kept at charges of this Cyttie.

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fo. 263.

The City and the Council in the North.**Payment for repair of St. Cuthbert's Church.**

4 January 23 Elizabeth (1580-1). *Present*—Robert Asquith, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 13 of the xxiv.

Agreed that yf anie the attorneyes before the Lord President and Counsels, or anie proctors of the same Court, or of anie other Court, beinge fre cittizens of this Cittie shall chance at anie tyme hereafter to be elect Aldermen, shall not at anie tyme frome thensforth use or exercise anie ther said offics of attorneyshippe, or procter in anie Courte upon payne of forfeiture suche somme of money (sic) to the use of the Maior and Comminaltie; and if he refuse to be Alderman, being electe, then he to pay suche fyne as my L. Maior and Aldermen shall assesse upon him.

Aggreed that there shalbe xx^s yerelie payed for the space of x yeares next comyng towards reparacons of St. Cuthberts church to the hands ofthe church-wardens by the Chamberlaines of this Cyttie for the tyme beyng.

fo. 264.

Packing Herrings. Alderman elect refuses to take the oath.

6 January 23 Elizabeth (1580-1). *Present*—Robert Asquith, Mayor, William Byrmand, Recorder, 7 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 12 of the xxiv.

Agreed that all cowpers of this Cyttie shalbe sworne before my L. Maior to morrow for packinge of hering, and every of them to set on their marke upon every vessell that they so packe.

And nowe Mr. James Birkbie, gent, Alderman dewly elect in rome of Mr. John Bean lait Alderman, deceased, at commandments of my L. Maior came personallie before theis presents, and albeit he was gentlie exhorted and required as well by my said L. Maior and other his brethren, Aldermen, to tayke his oath of Aldermanship accustomed, yet neither by faire meanes ne otherwise wold he tayke his oath, but verie obstinatlíe refuseth so to doe. And for as much as he thus contynewed still in his said wilfulnes, and wold in no wise be persuaded, it was therefore agreed by the whole consent of all the said worshipfull presens that the same Mr. (fo. 264b) Birkbie for his said obstinacye and disobediens for the perillous example of others shalbe furthwith comytted to ward unto suche tyme as he will be justified accordinge to his franchest oathe, to the Sheriffes of this Cyttie to be by them kept in warde in John Trewe his howse¹.

¹ On January 18, Birkby asked that he might be allowed to postpone becoming an Alderman for some years. He was fined £100, and it was put off for three years.

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fo. 265. **Reception for the President of the Council
in the North, now Lord Lieutenant.**

15 January 23 Elizabeth (1580-1). *Present*—Robert Asquith, Mayor, William Byrnand, Recorder, 6 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 9 of the xxiv.

Agreed that my L. Maior, Aldermen and Sheriffs and xxiiij shall meet my L. President, beinge nowe L. Lyewtenaunte, and lyenge at the Mannour at Bothome Barr in ther best apparell, viz., my L. Maior and his Brethren in skarlet, and the Sheriffs and xxiiij in cremyssyn to morrowe at ix of the clocke before none and they ther receave his Lordship into this Cytte.

Agreed that Mr. Allyn, Alderman, shall contynewe in his office unto Martynmasse next; and he to pay all suche money as he oweth to this Corporacon at Candlemasse next, according to his lettre. Whiche lettre hereafter followeth¹.

fo. 266b. **Account of the Reception.**

16 January 23 Elizabeth.

Memorandum that the sextenth day of this instant Januarye, and yeare above said, my L. Maior and Aldermen in ther read gownes, the Sheriffs and xxiiij in ther cremisyn gownes, with almost two hundreth of other substanciall Cyttizens, in ther best apparell did receave the right honorable the Earle of Huntingdon, L. President in the Northe parties, and nowe L. Lyewitenaunt to oure soveraine ladie, the Queenes Majestie, at Bothome Barr; with the great sword and the great mace caried before the said L. Maior. And then and ther the said L. Lyewtenaunt did call the said L. Maior to him, and so the said L. Maior did goe with the said Lyewtenaunt to the Comon Hall within the said Cytte, the sword berer alwayes bearinge the sword with the point upward before them, and the Aldermen, Sheriffs and xxiiij followed in order. And at the Comon Hall my L. Lyewtenaunt did syt him downe in the chaire, and my L. Maior on his right hand, and all the Aldermen was comaunded to syt downe ther. And that done my L. Lyewtenaunt did commaunde solem proclamacon to be maide with thre oyes to heare the Quenes Majesties commission red; whiche was red by my L. Lyewtenaunt secretorie; during all whiche tyme the sword poynt was holden upward; and after the commission redd my L. Maior did tayke the sword in his hand, holdynge the poynt upward and did ryse the same with dewe reverence, and did delyver yt to my said L. Lyewtenaunt, who did receave the same with lowe reverence, and did delyver the same to Mr. Sergiant More, then being the bearer of the great mace before my said L. Lyewtenaunt, to lye yt on the table, and then my L. Lyewtenaunt did make a

¹ Allens letter on *fo.* 265b promises that he will return to York and pay his debts at Martinmass.

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verie wise and godlie exhortacon to the people then being present, beinge manie in nomber, declaringe the effect of her Highnes Commission of lieutenauncye, and that beinge done he did tayke the sword and delyvered the same over agayne to my L. Maior. And then the said presens departed from thence, and returned home.

fo. 269.

Order to raise twenty foot-soldiers.

21 January 23 Elizabeth (1580-81). *Present*—Robert Asquith, Mayor, 6 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 8 of the xxiv.

A lettre frome certayne of the Queenes majisties Counsell in theis North parties:

To our very good the L. Mayor of the Citie of York, and to our lovyng frends, the Aldermen, his bretherne.

After our right hartie commendacons to your L. and the rest; where we have receyved lettres frome our very good Lord the L-Lieutenant of theis North parts, bearyng date the xviiijth of this instant monethe; wherein we are commanded to gyve present ordre that twenty hable and sufficyent footemen fully weaponed, apparelled and furnysshed be putt in redynes to marche forward at an howers warnyng, whensoever his L. shall send for theym. Of the said twenty, eight to be calyvers, fyve to be corseletts, foure to be archers, and three billmen, all in their severall natures and degrees sufficyently furnysshed with armour, weapon, coats and mony as in suche cases is used and required; (*fo.* 269b) so as we may have the viewe of the said men on Monday next in suche place of your Citie as yowe shall thynke mete, and notifie unto us; havyng specials regarde that the said men be chosen of suche as be knowne to be honest, sober and obedient in matters of religion, whiche partes are as necessarie in good soldiers as any other habilitie.

Your loving frend,

C. Blithe.

William Paylor.

fo. 269ab.

Further order about the soldiers.

23 January 23 Elizabeth (1580-1). *Present*—Robert Asquith, Mayor, 5 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 5 of the xxiv.

Assembled in the Counsell Chamber of the Comon Hall, whan and wher musters was taken for xx soldiours. And in the after none Mr. Meeres and Mr. Blyth, two of the said Counsell, did vewe the persons appointed for the said service. And nowe yt is agreed that ther shalbe viij callyvers with all the furniture taken furth of the Common Chamber towards the settinge forward of the same nowe appointed, and as manie moe to be laid ther againe as shortlie as they can be gotten.

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To my verie good L. the Lorde Maiour of the Cyttie of Yorke.

My L. Maiour; wheras I have receyved commandement frome my L. Lieutenaunt furthwith to geve order that the xx footemen, whiche ar to be sent frome this Cytie, may be set forwards towards Newcastle, thes ar to charge yowe that yowe furthwith cawse the said xx men to be in armes so as they may be viewed by me or some other appointed thereunto on Wednesday next to thend they may marche forwards on thursday next towards Newcastle. And for as mucche as his L. haith not named anie captains, who shall have the leadinge of them thether, yowe shall doe well not to fayle to appoint some discreet and able man of this Cytie to conduct them thether, in case in the meane tyme no other captains shalbe directed to receave them unto Newcastle.

Your L. lovinge frend,
Blith.

fo. 271. **Members of the City Council to wear gowns
and tippetts when ordered.**

27 January 23 Elizabeth (1580-1). *Present*—Robert Asquith, Mayor, William Byrnand, Recorder, 5 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 7 of the xxiv.

Agreed that everie Alderman of this Cyttie shall weare tippetts in all places within this Cyttie and suburbes, savinge within ther owene parishe or at the stathe.

Agreed that the Aldermen, Sheriffes and xxiiij shall weare ther skarlet and cremisyn gownes with tippetts at all tymes, when they shall have commandment frome my L. Maior for the tyme beinge, upon payne of x^s, savinge onelie suche persones as presentlie lack ther gownes shall have respect to provyd them therof untill Penticost next. And also that it shalbe lawfull to everie of the said Aldermen, Sheriffs and xxiiij, whiche shall happen to be widdowes to weare blak for one wholle yeare then next followinge, and no more.

And yt is agreed that the Comon Clerk shall putt my L. Maior in remembrance of the said order touchinge wearinge of the said gownes and tippetts at Penticost next upon payne of x^s.

fo. 272. **M.P. to be chosen.**

30 January 23 Elizabeth (1580-1). *Present*—Robert Asquith, Mayor, William Byrnand, Recorder, 7 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 6 of the xxiv.

The Quenes wryt for elleccon of a Burgesse for this Cytie in place of Mr. Gregorye Paycok was red; whereupon yt is now agreed that thes worshipfull assemble shalbe heare upon Wednesday next, and xl of the best commoners to the intent to choise a newe Burgess.

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fo. B.

New M.P.

1 February 23 Elizabeth (1580-1). *Present*—Robert Asquith, William Byrnand, Recorder, 7 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 5 of the xxiv.

Aggreed as well by theis as by certayne freeholdars Citizens of this Citie, called hether, that my Lord Mayour shalbe Burgesse in place of Mr. Gregory Pacock.

fo. C.

M.P.'s Expenses.

6 February 23 Elizabeth (1580-1).

Aggreed that Robert Asquith, one of the Burgesses, newly electe, shall have xx^{li} in his purse at his goyng to London to this Parliament alredy beyng, to provide his and his ij mens diete, and also xiijs iiij^d for ij lyveryes to his two servants; whiche sommes are to be forthwith payd by the Chamberlayns to the said Mr. Asquyth accordyngly.

Aggreed also that a warrant of Attorney shalbe made to the saide Burgesse under Common seale as has been accustomed.

Agreed that Mr. Asquith shall let Mr. Graves have some part of the xx^{li}, which he nowe had with him so that the same be bestowed aboute the Cyttie affaires, if nede requyre.

fo. 3b.

A new Alderman.

1 March 23 Elizabeth (1580-1). *Present*—William Robinson, Mayor, William Byrnand, Recorder, 6 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 3 of the xxiv.

Assembled in the Common Hall for the elecon of a new Alderman, in rome of Mr. Richard Calome, deceased; and upon thre elytes, that is to say, Mr. Henry May, Mr. John Stephenson, and Mr. Raph Richardson, the said Mr. Henry May is by most voces of my L. Maior, Alderman and Sherriffs chosen to be Alderman; which Mr. May, beinge sent for by an officer, came and tooke his oath of Alderman accustomed, and also the oathe for every temporall Judg.

And for so much as Mr. Robert Criplinge is cherged to pay for cherges for settinge furth of soldiours in Bulmershire, it is agreed that if he will pay with this Cyttie as he ought to doe, and his distresse be taken therefore, he shalbe saved harmeles or els not.

fo. 5

Ducking stool. Expenses of M.P.'s.**Misdeeds of a Mercer.**

5 April 23 Elizabeth (1581). *Present*—William Robinson, Mayor, William Byrnand, Recorder, 9 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 3 of the xxiv.

¹ Two folios, containing minutes of three Council meetings, are missing from the beginning of Book xxviii. Drafts of these minutes have been preserved, and are to be found at the end of Book xxviii. The folios are lettered B., C., D.

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Agreed that ther shalbe a cuke stole, or dukinge stole, furthwith maid by the Chamberlaine and set in St. George close for the comon skoulds and punnyshment of offenders.

And now Mr. Graves and Mr. Asquith, Burgesses for this Cittie is retorned from the Quenes majesties Parliament and brought in ther bills of chergs of allowance and other chergs disbursed by them aswell for ther chergs as for other cawses, which said bills of chergs wer now red and perused; and upon perusing thereof yt doth appeare that the said Mr. Graves is to receave viij^{li} xvjs viij^d, over and besids xx^{li}, which he receyved when he went up to London; and Mr. Asquith is to receyve xxij^{li} vjs and iij^d over and besids the some of xx^{li} whiche he receyved when he went to London. Agreed that the said somes shalbe furthwith payed.

Agreed that Mr. Blithe, secratorie, shall have half a tonn of Gascoigne wyne bestowed of him at discretion of my L. Maior and to be delyvered unto hym at suche tyme as my L. Maior shall think good.

(fo. 5b). Agreed that Mr. Lawrence Robinson and Mr. Edward Fawcett shall have the great Chartere to London about the tryall of a suyt perteyning to this Corporacon, and that Mr. Belt shall have the carriage thereof.

And now Mr. John Watson, mercer, personallie appeared and did humblie submit himself to abyde the order of this worshipfull presens, aswell for kepinge of a falce and deceitfull booke for sellinge of his warres to his chapman, as also for misusinge the Sherriffs, and for diverse other his nowghtie and evile dealings; yt is agreed that he shalbe clerelie disfranchised.

fo. 6

Unlawful opening of a shop.

7 April 23 Elizabeth (1581). *Present*—William Robinson, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs.

Forasmuch as John Old, servant to John Watson did set open the said Watsons shop after he was disfranchessed and wold not shut up the same, he shalbe comitted to ward during my L. Maior pleasure.¹

fo. 8.

Rewards for good soldiers.

3 May 23 Elizabeth (1581). *Present*—William Robinson, Mayor, 4 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff.

Agreed that diverse of the lait soldyours, in consideracon as well of ther good service and for bringinge home and delyveringe in all ther armour and weapons as for incorachment of them and other soldiors of this Cittie for ther good service hereafter, that everie of

¹ Old came before the Council and said he had opened the shop on his master's orders. He was released. John Watson on his submission was given back his freedom.

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them shall have ther swords and daggers geven them; and everie of the said soldiours to have ijs a pece upon deliverye of ther armor and weapons.

fo. 11b. **Trainer for Artillery. Rate of Wages.**
 City Preacher. Midsummer Eve.

19 May 23 Elizabeth (1581). *Present*—William Robinson, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 7 of the xxiv.

Agreed that Robert Temple, sonne of Leonard Temple, marchant, deceased, shalbe trayner of the xxx men for shot for one yeare next.

Agreed that rate of wags for artificers, laborers, servants, etc., shalbe certified this yeare into Chancerie, as yt was the last yeare. And that the searchers of carpenters, joyners, carvers and tylers shalbe called before my L. Maior, and he to comaund them to cherge everie of ther occupacon to observe and kepe the said raits.

(*fo. 12*). Agreed that Mr. Cole shalbe preacher for this Cittie for a yeare and he to begyn at midsomer next and he to have for his fee xlii.

Agreed that everie Alderman of this Cittie on mydsomer even next shall furnissh thre able men furnisshed in armor, and everie one of the xxiiij two able men furnished to attend upon Mr. Sheriffs on midsomer even next, and this ordynaunce to contynewe for ever, if yt be not altered.

fo. 13. **Admission to Freedom of the City.**

2 June 23 Elizabeth (1581). *Present*—William Robinson, Mayor, William Byrnand, Recorder, 6 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 11 of the xxiv.

Wheras the xxiiijth day of October in the xxth yeare of the Quenes majesties reigne it was agreed by the right honorable Hugh Graves than L. Maior of this Cittie, the Aldermen and Counsell of the same, that no maner of foryner, or such as had not bene vij yeris apprentice within this Cittie of what sciens, misterie, or craft, or occupacon so ever he ware, shold frome thensforth be admitted or made free men of this Cittie, but he pay in hand vj^{li} xiijs iiij^d at the least to the Cittie use for his franchises silver, or more by discretion of my L. Maior for the tyme beinge, and his brethern, Aldermen, as by the same order emongs other things more plainlie appeareth; and wheras the xix of Februarie the xxij yere of the Quenes majesties reigne it was then agreed by the right honerable Robert Asquith, ther L. Maior, Aldermen, etc., that my L. Maior at his discretion for suche persons as shalbe franchessed for vj^{li} xiijs iiij^d may set down ther daie of payment, as he shall thinke good; it is now agreed that all suche persons as shalbe frome hensforth franchessed for vj^{li} xiijs iiij^d or more my L. Maior and

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Aldermen shall set down the days of payment of franchess silver or els that every such franchessed to be voyd, and of none effect the said former orders notwithstandinge.

fo. 14b.

State of Chantry lands.

16 June 23 Elizabeth (1581). *Present*—William Robinson, Mayor, William Byrnand, Recorder, 7 Aldermen.

Agreed that Mr. Herbert, Mr. Brook, Mr. Appleyard, Mr. Trewe callinge the inquests aswell for the Cittie as for the Countie for inquiry for Chantry lands before them shall by ther best meanes make inquiry in what stait all said Chantry lands be.

fo. 15

Ancient City Customs to be translated into English.

Assessments for poor rate.

21 June 23 Elizabeth (1581). *Present*—William Robinson, Mayor, William Byrnand, Recorder, 6 Aldermen, 1 of the xxiv.

Agreed that the ancient registers of this Cittie shalbe searched with all convenient spead by Edmond Fayle, and he to drawe furth of the same into paper the ancient customes of the Cittie into English, and then the draught or abstract of the same to be perused by this howse with the advise of Mr. Recordar and the said Edmond to be considered for the same.

Agreed that assessments for the power shalbe maid furthwith by the constables and inhabitants of everie parish, so that they raise so much money within ther severall parishes weeklie as was set downen the last yeare, and that bills shalbe maid and delyvered to the constables forthwith accordingle, and they or ther assessors be certified in ther severall assessments in writinge under the hands of the assessors to this presens on fryday come a sennet; and also that they shall then also choise newe collectors for the power of everie ther severall parishes and to certifie than ther names.

fo. 16

The Keeper of York Castle is to pay taxes.

26 June 23 Elizabeth (1581). *Present*—William Robinson, Mayor, William Byrnand, Recorder, 7 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs.

Leonard Allibye, one of the churchwardens of St. Maries in Castlegait, did shewe furth one order set downen by my L. Archbishop of York and others the Quenes majesties Commissioners for cawses ecclesiasticall against John Burley, gentleman, now Keper of the Castle of York, towching contribucon and sessement towards all such chergs as his predecessors of the same have heretofore borne.

Wheras the curat and others the inhabitants of the parish church of St. Maries in Castlegait have exhibited a peticon to the said Commissioners wherebye they alledge that the Kepers of the Castle of York with ther families have heretofore from tyme without memory of man resorted to ther parish church to heare dyvine

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(*fo.* 16b) service and to receive the sacraments, as parishoners therof, and have contributed alwaies heretofore towards the reparacons of the said church and bene laiable and sessed for taxes and other cherges whatsoever as other parishoners of that parish have bene; yet that notwithstandinge, John Burley, gent, nowe Keper of the said Castle, as thei affirmed, denyeth and refuseth to doe as his predecessors have done. Whereupon the said Commissioners for causes them speciallie movinge did order that the same John Burley, gent, duringe his beinge Keper of the same Castle shall contribute, be sessed and layable towards all suche chergs as his predecessors have heretofore bene, untill suche tyme as he shall sufficientlie prove himself discharged and exempted frome the same.

fo. 17. **Misdemeanours of Bailiffs of the Ainsty.**

30 June 23 Elizabeth (1581). *Present*—William Robinson, Mayor, William Byrnand, Recorder, 8 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 10 of the xxiv.

Whereas James Stubbes and Tho. Dobson, baliffes of the Ainstie, for not executinge warrants directed frome my L. Maior as they ought to have done, but conseale the same, and for suffringe them to escaip after ther apprehencon for brybes, and other ther misdemenors by them confessed; it ys therefore now agreed that the said Stubes and Dobson shalbe forthwith comytted to ward to the kidcot there to remaine duringe my L. Maiors pleasure.

fo. 18. **Alderman Allen's Resignation.**

4 July 23 Elizabeth (1581). *Present*—William Robinson, Mayor, 9 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 4 of the xxiv.

Wheras heretofore at request of Mr. Allyn, Alderman, it was agreed, emongs other things, that he shold contynewe in his office untill martinmasse next; and for so much as the same Mr. Allyn haith nowe eftsones directed another lettre to my L. Maior, wherebie emongs other things he doth yeld up his said place and gown of Aldermanship, which resignacon this Assemble doth nowe accept.

To the right honorable and verye good L. the L. Mayor of the Cittie of York yeve this.

Right honorable, my most humble comendacon unto you; trusting in God that yow with my Laidie, your Lordshipes most lovinge bedfellowe, and household be in good health, in the whiche I pray of God you to kepe in his good will and pleasure. I gyving you most hartye thanks for your good will to me at all tymes shewed, I being ashamed to wryte (*fo.* 18b) unto your L., I consydering your Lordshipes goodness to me. I also desyre your L. goodnes to my gossyp Skot. I shall take ordre wythe him. I thanke him he hathe offeryd me curtesye. The cawse of this my wrytyng unto your L. is, may yt please yow, whereas I dyd requyer to be lysensyd untill

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Mikyllmas next for my comyng into your sytye in doying my dewtye in ye offyce of an Alderman, the whiche I thank your Lordship and other my frends graunted the same; these ar nowe to signefye unto your Honor and the worshipfull your L. assosyates, that I am nowe wylling to yeld my place and rome of aldermanshipe to whom God shall permyte, I prayeng of God to send unto him whaght soever that he may do good in his vocacyon. I moste intyerlye dessyre your Lordeship withe the worshipfull as aforesayd, but yt I may have your lawfull favors as my nedfull cawses shall com before yow; and I shall most hartely pray unto God for all your good and prosperus healthes, may yt please God, your Honor; I thanke God I am even nowe in dyscomforte, but I trust in God shortly to receyve some comfort. I allso trustyng to pay all my dewe debt, and none to lose one peny by me, geving me a lytell tyme. I meane as well Mr. Pecoks det as others. I myndyng, God wylling, to dyscharg my conscence as towchyng the same. Thus restyng to troble your L. any further at this tyme. I prayeng of God to send unto your L. his heavenly blessing, your Honors offyce of maryaltie comfortablye endyd, to the good quyet of my good neyghbours and loving setezasins. I prayeng of God to send us mery metyng when his good appointed tyme shalbe. Gatefurth ye last of June 1580.

Yours Honors to commande to his smallpower, Wm. Allyn.¹

fo. 19b. **A scarlet cloak for the Justice of Peace.**

7 July 23 Elizabeth (1581). *Present*—William Robinson, Mayor, 10 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 4 of the xxiv.

A skarlet cloak was brought in by Henry Palframan and offred to be sold, whereupon it is nowe agreed that iij^{li} vs shalbe payed furthwith for the same by the Chamberlaines, and the same cloake to be in the custodye of my L. Maior to be used and worne by the Justices of peace at the generall Sessions.

fo. 21. **Ownership of the Old Baile. The City's care for a boy.**

26 July 23 Elizabeth (1581). *Present*—William Robinson, Mayor, William Byrmand, Recorder, 6 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 4 of the xxiv.

Whereas my L. Archbishop doth challendge to have the Old Baile and did send to my L. Maior for his answer touchinge the same, yt is agreed that if my L. Archbishop send to my L. Maior againe that he shall requier his Graces favor and that we may defend our right.

Agreed that one William Yong, a boy, now remaining with *uxor* Lucas shall have xx^s payed by the Chamberlaines towards the gettinge of a Master within this Citie, if he can be gotten; and if he

¹ The above is a copy of the original letter which is inserted in the House Book.

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can get none then he to be newlie apparelled, at discretion of my L. Maior, and Chamberlaines, and sent to London by a carrier, and my L. Maior to taik order for the carriege of him.

fo. 21b.

Bakers' Ordinances.

First it is ordeyned that no master of the said occupacon shall set on work at the said occupacon anie stranger or other that haith bene an apprentice thereat and served his apprenticeship within this Citie with some brother of the same occupacon upon payne of xx^s.

Item that if any journeyman of the said occupacon, which haith his lyvinge amongs the maisters of the said craft in helping them to bayke when ther nede is, doe promise anie maister to come and helpe him to baike at tyme appointed; and the said journeyman goe to another to worke and disapoint the maister he promissed before to helpe, shall forfeit iijs iiij^d.

Item that if any of the fre bakers disobey any lawfull or reasonable comandement geven to them by the beddells of the said fellowship on the behalf of the searchers for the welthe of the said craft, shall forfeyt iijs iiij^d.

Item that no person of the said mistery or craft from hensforth shall baik anie manner of bread upon the sonday to be sold, except a speciall commandement be gyven in tyme of great necessatie, upon peyn of xx^s.

Item that no baker shall neither baik nor boult in anie inkepers howse upon paine of vjs viij^d.

Item that no inkeper, harborer nor hostler within this Cittie make or baik anie manner of bread within ther howses, but that they buy ther bread to sell to ther guests and for ther horses of the common bakers of this Cittie; and that everie loafe of bread be marked with the mark of the baker, of whome the said bread was bought, to thend and intent that everie person may knowe that the bread is of the right assise, as it ought (*fo.* 22) to be, wherbie the inkepers, harberers and hostlers may avowe the sale of ther bread by the marke of the Cittie. For everie offens to forfeyt xl^s.

Item that all such breade as hereafter shalbe founde borne about hawkinge within this Cittie or suburbes to be solde shalbe forfeyt to the Chamber of this Cittie, and disposed at discretion of my L. Maior and Chamberlaines.

Item that whatsoever person or persons of the said fellowship beinge chosen searchers, at the entring to ther office shall fynd sufficient sewertie for to answere the treasure belonginge to the sayd fellowship of bakers and to make a trewe and just accompt at the goinge furth of searcher ship of all ther receipts and payments by them maid upon paine of xl^s.

Item that no brother of the said occupacon after his first settinge up as Master shall taik anie apprentice unto suche tyme as

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the said brother haith bene iiij yeres master of the said craft, upon peyne of xx^s. And at the end of the said iiij yeres it shalbe lawfull for the said brother to taik one apprentice and no mo unto suche tyme as the said apprentice have served six yeres and a half of his apprenticeship, upon paine of xl^s.

Item that no inhabitants within this Cittie or suburbes, not beinge a fre baker, baik anie spiced caikes to sell but onelie the fre bakers of the same, upon payne of xl^s.

fo. 26. **The Earl of Sussex Players.**

1 September 23 Elizabeth (1581). *Present*—William Robinson, Mayor, William Byrmand, Recorder, 3 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 3 of the xxiv.

Agreed that my L. of Sussex men being players of interluds, shall play this afternone at the Comon Hall at two of the clocke, and the said players to have such rewards as other players have heretofore had in tymes past.

fo. 26b. **Lord Hunsden's Players.**

8 September 23 Elizabeth (1581).

Agreed that my L. of Hunsdons servants, beinge players of interludes, shall play this afternone at the Comon Hall, at two of the clocke.

fo. 30. **Money for a Preacher. A distracted woman.**

13 October 23 Elizabeth (1581). *Present*—William Robinson, Mayor, 5 Aldermen, 7 of the xxiv.

Mr. Herbert, Mr. Maskew and others laitlie appointed assessors towards the maintenaunce of a precher, brought in ther assessement, was nowe openlie red, perused and allowed.

Agreed that Agnes Egglestone, beinge now in the kidcot and somewhat distrect, shalbe had to St. Thomas hospitall and ther kept in some convenient place by herself; and the husewife to look to her and to have her releif weeklie for keping the said Agnes.

fo. 34. **Present of wine. A freeman's offence.**

6 December 24 Elizabeth (1581). *Present*—William Robinson, Mayor, 6 Aldermen.

Agreed that Mr. Lawrens Meeres, esquier, for his good will towards this Cittie shall have one hoggeshead of clared wyne bestowed on him against Christemas next.

Agreed that Robert Harker, pewtherer, for that he caused one ——— Grene to be arrested at Wistow fayre; and boath the parties beinge fremen, and the saide Harker sewinge in a foreine court another free cittizen; and for so much as Harker hath bene in ward; therefore it is agreed that Harker shall pay iijs iiij^d for his

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fyne, and be discharged of his ymprisoment. And nowe upon his humble submission it is agreed that Harker shall have xvj^d thereof geven him againe.

fo. 34b. **Waits. Payment of City Preacher. Street lighting.**

14 December 24 Elizabeth (1581). *Present*—William Robinson, Mayor, William Byrnand, Recorder, 8 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 4 of the xxiv.

Agreed that Robert Hewyk shalbe one of the wayts according to a former order, and he to have suche allowans for his clothinge as other the wayts have if he will weare his coate and apparell as other of the said waits.

Agreed that the precher shalbe payed his quarter fe to be dewe at Christemas next; and thereupon bills or nots to be geven furth for gatheryng the assessemments accordinge to the last assessmments for the same.

(*fo. 35*). Agreed that lantrans and lights shalbe honge furth everye night before mens dores in the Cittie at the discretion of Mr. Wardens within ther severall wards; and that iiij beddells or deputie constables to geve warnynge thereof everie night; and to present defaults therof to the Wardens from tyme to tyme.

fo. 35b. **Assault on servants of the Archbishop.**

30 December 24 Elizabeth (1581). *Present*—William Robinson, Mayor, 5 Aldermen.

Assembled in the now dwellinge howese of William Robinson, L. Maior, thes presents were enformed by my L. Archbishop of York, his Grace steward, that Richard Scott, servant to Mr. Colthurst, Tho. Turner, goldsmith, Richard Lawson and others did lye in wayte betwixte York and Bishopthorp to make an assalt and affray upon certayne of my said L. Archbishop his men in ther returne from Yorke to Bishopthorpe. Whereupon the said persons were sent for and examined by thes presents, and yt appeared that the information was trewe; therefore yt is nowe agreed that the said persons shalbe presentlie sent to ward to the custodie of the Shereffs for ther misdemeanor there to abyd duringe the pleasure of my L. Maior and his Brethren; and they to be bound with goodly suerties to kepe the Queenes Majestie peace againste Robt. Cook of Bishopthorp before ther delyverans.

o. 36. **Death of the Recorder.**

7 January 24 Elizabeth (1581-2). *Present*—William Robinson, Mayor, 10 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 6 of the xxiv.

Assembled in my said Lord Maior his nowe dwelling howese upon the Pavement, when and wher, for as much as Mr. William Birnand, lait Recordar of this Cittie, is departed furth of this

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transitorie life, and that the said Cittie is destitut of a Recordar; therefore yt is agreed that my said L. Maior shall furthwith cause warning to be geven unto the Aldermen, Sheriffs and xxiiij and also to the Comon Counsell to be at the Comon Hall tomorrowe beinge the eight day of this instant January at eight of the clock in the forenone for the elecon of a Recordar.

fo. 37.

The Election of a new Recorder.

8 January 24 Elizabeth (1581-2). *Present*—William Robinson, Mayor, 11 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 8 of the xxiv.

Assembled in the Common Hall, together with the Comons and Comon Counsell for the elecon of a newe Recorder in the rowme and place of Mr. William Birnand, late Recorder, deceased, when and where first my Lord Maior opened and declared unto the said presens that he would will them to elect and chose such a well learned and wyse man to have the same office, as wold be heare redie to yeve his counsell unto this corporacon, when and as ofte as the Lorde Maior, Aldermen Sherriffs and Comon Counsell of this Cittie shall stande neede of counsell, and also such a one as is a favorer of the worde of God. And after that donne the said presens effectuellie proceding to the elecon of a newe Recorder, by the most voyces as well of the Commons and Comon Counsell, as by the said Lord Maior, Aldermen, Sheriffs and xxiiij of the Privy Counsell of this Cittie, did elect and chose Mr. William Hillyard, esquier, learned in the comon lawes of this realme, to the said office of recordershippe, and he to have the same at the will and pleasure of the said Lord Maior of this Cittie for the tyme being, and his brethren, Aldermen of the same, as a man most meete, learned, wise and hable to serve and have the said office in these parties, for the comoditie of this Citty. Whiche said Mr. William Hillyard, being now sent for, came and openly before all the said assemblee is therunto admitted and sworne to execute the said office as in such case it appertayneth. And also wheras the said Mr. William Hillyard was and is of counsell with this Cittie, and haith had therfor one yearlie fee of five pounds of the said Cittie, it is nowe agreed that he shall have the said office of Recordershipp with the fees therunto belonging, that is to saie, twentie marks in money, and clothing accustomed, at such daies as the same was paid unto Mr. William Birnand, and he to enter and have the same from and imediatlie after the decease of Mr. Birnand. And in consideracon therof, by the assent and consent of the said Mr. Hilliard he from hensforth not to have nor claime the said fee of five poundes or anie parcell therof.

fo. 39b.

Poor rate defaulters.

31 January 24 Elizabeth (1581-2). *Present*—William Robinson, Mayor, 9 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 5 of the xxiv.

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Upon bill exhibited by William Horner, bocher, collector for the first payment for the taxe for Monkward amounting to the some of viijs viij^d which could not be gotten of Sir Valentine Browne, Doctor Lougher and others of Pike parishe; whereupon it is agreed that the viijs viij^d shalbe paid to the said collector furthwith by the Chamberlaines.

Saint John del pike parishe¹.

Item Sir Valentyne Browne viijs: receved of that v^s, and glad it cold be gottyn; so remayns unpaid of hyme iij^s.

Item Dokter Lougher iiij^s iiij^d and wyllengly paid iij^s iiij^d, so is unpaid xij^d.

Item Mrs. Yonge vj^s viij^d.

Item resayved of that wyllengly iiij^s, so is unpayd ij^s viij^d.

Item Mr. Stockdayle, scholmarster xij^d unpaid of that all. By reson he sathe fre skols owght not to pay.

Item Sir Wylliam Farefax for his staybyll; behynd viij^d.

Item Dockter Pearse ij^s vj^d paid wyllengly ij^s, so is unpaid vj^d.

Mr. Mettame is ij^d behynd.

fo. 40b.

Playing Interludes in the Guildhall.

3 February 24 Elizabeth (1581-2).

Agreed that players of interludes now come and comyng from hencforth in this Cittie shall play but twise in the Comon Hall; viz., once before the L. Maior and Aldermen, etc., and thother before the Commons.

fo. 43b.

By-laws.

7 February 24 Elizabeth (1581-2). *Present*—Robert Brooke, Mayor, 8 Aldermen.

Agreed that all straungers and others such as have bene free men of this Cyttie and do not kepe skate nor lot within this Cyttie, nor do pay to the poore of this Cyttie shall pay toll for all such corne as they shall bring to this Cyttie.

Agreed that all persons whatsoever they be whiche shall at any tyne hereafter bring any malt, or any other corne to this Cytty, sould or to be sould to any person or persons being not free cyttizins of this Cyttie, shall pay toll for the same.

fo. 44.

Review of the Poor. The Survey of Chantry Lands.

16 February 24 Elizabeth (1581-2). *Present*—Robert Brooke, Mayor, 6 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs.

Agreed that the poore of this Cyttie shalbe viewed this next weeke by my Lord Maior and Aldermen in their severall wardes, so that my Lord Maior be awayes one; that is to saie, Bothome

¹ This list of defaulters drawn up by the tax collector is pasted into the House Book.

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warde on Wednesday next at nyne of the clocke before noone, and Monkward at one of the clocke in the after noone of the same daie. And Micklith warde on Thursdaie next at nyne of the clocke before noone, and Walmgate ward at one of the clocke at after noone, and that precepts shalbe maid forthwith accordinglie.

(fo. 44b). Agreed that Edmund Fale for drawing in papir and engrossing the survey of the chantry landes by vertue of the Quenes majesties Commysion shall have xxvj^s viij^d furthwith to be paid him by the Chamberlaines; and if the said landes can be purchased, or gotten in lease to the use of this Corporacon then he to have xiiij^s iiij^d more for his paines.

(fo. 47). 20 April 24 Elizabeth (1582).

Agreed that Mr. Robert Asquyth, Mr. Thomas Appleyard, Aldermen, Mr. Leonard Belt and Ed. Fale shall this present day speake with Mr. Bethell to set downe a day when he shall meete with Mr. Jenkins and others the commissioners for chantry lands.

fo. 48b. **Bladesmiths and Armourers. Ripon tolls.**

Innholders and Tipplers.

2 May 24 Elizabeth (1582). *Present*—Robert Brooke, Mayor 3 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 4 of the xxiv.

Forasmuch as their is some contraversie betwene the blade-smythys and cutlers of thone partie, and the armorers of the other partie; and nowe the searchers and others of both occupacons being here present, upon motion of the Lord Maior ar content to abide the order of my L. Maior and his Bretheren as towching the same.

Agreed that a *nisi prius* shall be served forth to be tryed at the next assises towching the toll exacted of certaine cittizins of this Cittie at Rippon and Mr. Belt to be written to towching the same.

Also agreed that the inholders and tipplers shalbe called in to be bound at such dayes as my L. Maior shall thinke good.

(fo. 49). And also that the constables of every towne in the Aynstie shalbe chardged to certifie the names of all the said inholders, brewers and tiplers within their severall towneshippes on thursdaie come a sennyt at viij of the clocke before none of the same day in this place; and precepts to be maid to the baliffs of the Aynstie to geve commaundement therof accordinglie.

fo. 51. **Offence of a Freeman. City Preacher's Salary.**

18 May 24 Elizabeth (1582). *Present*—Robert Brooke, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 3 of the xxiv.

Forasmuch as William Allayn, draper, being a freeman of this Cittie haith comensed sewt against Thomas Mason, joyner, an other free citizen of this Cyttie, before the Vice-President and Counsell in these North parties; and the said William Alleyn being now called and chardged with the said 'sewt, and being required

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by the Lord Maior if he [would] submit himself to abide the order of my Lord Maior and his Bretheren towching his offence, the said William utterlie and disobedientlie refused so to do; saieng further that Mr. Deane and the Church of York would beare him forth therin, if it cost one hundreth poundes. Therfor it is agreed that the matter shall stay untill Mr. Recorders comyng from London; and than by his advise order to be sett downe against the said William Allayn towching the said offence.

Also agreed that billettts or estreats shalbe maid forthwith to the constables of every parishe of all such arrerages as they are behind to the preacher for his fees, and if any free cittizen refuse to paie than he and they to be brought before the wardens of the ward; and if they will not therupon paie, being hable, that than every such cittizen so refusing, to be, by consent of my Lord Maior, comitted to ward, there to remaine untill suche tyme as he or they will so do.

fo. 52.

Slanderous words against an Alderman.

1 June 24 Elizabeth (1582). *Present*—Robert Brooke, Mayor, William Hillyard, Recorder, 6 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 6 of the xxiv.

Forasmuch as Myles Gray, glasier, before this tyme, haith not onelie spoken and uttered in the Common Hall on Saint Blayes day last, certaine slanderous wordes of Mr. Robinson, Alderman, late Maior of this Cyttye, in saying openly he did him not justice when as he was Maior, and other wordes to the like effect; but also for so muche as the said Myles did exhibit a slanderous bill into this Court against the said Mr. Robinson, wherunto the said Mr. Robinson maide aunswere; and after dyvers dayes by order of this Court was geven to the said Myles Gray to prove by witnesses his said bill, and no proof made therof; therefore it is this day ordered that the said Miles shall furthwith in this place before all these presents aske and desire the said Mr. Robinson to forgeve him his lewde speaches (*fo. 52b*) and usage towards him donne, and the said Myles Gray personally appearing at this tyme before these presents did humble submyt himself to my Lord Maior and this assembly, and than and there did aske and requyer the said Mr. Robinson forgyvenes, who at the same tyme did forgyve the said Myles Gray the said offence. And also for as much the same slanderous wordes was openlie spoken in the Comon Hall, yt is further ordered that at the next assembly of the Maior, Aldermen, Sheriffs, xxiiij, Common Counsell and Commons of this Cyttie at the Comon Hall, the said Myles Gray shall openly there recite the said slanderous wordes by him spoken, and there openlie aske the said Mr. Robinson forgyvenes for the same. And the same Gray is enjoyned to do the same upon reasonable warning left at the now dwelling howse of the said Myles Gray by the officer of Walmgate ward; and the matter to be dismissed forth of this Court without any costs.

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fo. 53.

Arrangements for Midsummer's Eve.

13 June 24 Elizabeth (1582). *Present*—Robert Brooke, Mayor, William Hillyard, Recorder, 6 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 1 of the xxiv.

Wheras (xix May 1581) it was agreed that every Alderman of this Cytty on midsommer even then next should furnishe three hable men furnished in armor, and every one of the xxiiij two hable men furnished there to attend on Mr. Sheriffs of this Cittie, whiche order is now confirmed and allowed by these presents to continewe still, and further it is now agreed by these presents that every Cittizin and inhabitant of the Cittie, whiche haith not bene Sheriffe of the same, shall on midsommer even next attend on Mr. Sheriffs in their best armor and furniture with their servants upon paine of vjs viij^d.

fo. 54.

City Preacher appointed. Midsummer Eve Defaulters.**A Fishing Day.**

27 June 24 Elizabeth (1582). *Present*—Robert Brooke, Mayor, William Hillyard, Recorder, 9 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 6 of the xxiv.

Agreed that Mr. Middopp shalbe preacher for this Cittie for one yeare to begyne at midsomer last, and he to have xx^{li} in the yeare for his fee, to be payd him quarterly by even porcons by the Chamberlans; provided alwayes that if the Lord Maior of this Cittie for the tyme being, and his bretheren, Aldermen, do fynd any cause of misliking in him, that upon one quarter of a yeare warning to the said preacher he shall depart, having paid unto him his fees for so long tyme as he shall then have served. And also if the said Mr. Widdopp at any tyme within the said yeare can preferr him self to any better stipend he shalbe at his libertie to departe within one quarters warning by him to be geven to the said Lord Maior and Aldermen.

(fo. 54b). Agreed that on Monday next at ix of the clocke before none my Lord Maior and his Brethren shall meet at this place and receyve a not of the names of such persons of this Cyttie as did not attend on Mr. Sherryffs on midsomer even in ther best armor; and the constables to have warninge therof in the meane-tyme.

Agreed that every trayned soldyour shall have iiij^d for his paynes on midsomer even last more than hertofore they have had at discrecon of my Lord Maior.

Agreed that the fyshinge day shalbe on Thursday come a sennet, and the dynar to be at such place as my Lord Maior shall appoint, and the Aldermen, Sheriffs, xxiiij and Chamberlaynes to be warned to be ther. And every Alderman, and ether Sherif to pay xvj^d, every of the xxiiij xij^d, and every Chamberlayne viij^d.

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fo. 55.**Chantry Lands.**

2 July 24 Elizabeth (1582).

Agreed that John Yedale, macebearer, or one of the six officers at mace to my Lord Maior, shall go presentlie to London, and cary with him the comission and scedules for the chantry landes with the certificat of the same to Mr. Belt, and that a lettre with instructions shalbe written to Mr. Belt to proceade with the same this tearme, and to obtayne the same if he can. And, if he neede, to take some trustie person to joyne with him about obtayning therof, and he to be allowed such cherdges as he shall disburse for and about the same at his home comyng.

fo. 56.**Summons to the Ainsty.**

4 July 24 Elizabeth (1582).

Agreed that a warrant shalbe forthwith maid to the baliffs of the Aynstie that they shall geve warning to all the constables within the wholle weapontake of the Aynstie, that they and two of the most discreet and substanciall men in every towne and hamlet shall personallie appeare before my Lord Maior and Aldermen at the Counsell Chambre upon Ousebrigg upon friday next at eight of the clocke in the foorenone, then and ther to do and execute suche things as shalbe then enjoyned unto them on the Quenes majesties behalf.

fo. 56b.**Punishment of a woman.**

6 July 24 Elizabeth (1582).

Agreed that Barbara Sympson, for misusinge of her bodie, shalbe set upon a barrell on the Pavement in the open market by the space of one hower, and her head to be polled, and to have a superscription of her offence on her head. And that donne she to be whipped forth of this Cittie.

fo. 59. **Arrangements for City Preacher. Indictment of Papists.**

10 September 24 Elizabeth (1583). *Present*—Robert Brooke, Mayor, William Hillyard, Recorder, 4 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 3 of the xxiv.

Agreed that my Lord Maior and Mr. Recorder shall call all persons of good habilitie before them to (*fo.* 59b) se what every of them will gyve yearelie of good will towardses the maintenaunce of a preacher within the Cittie.

Agreed that the preacher for this Cittie shall preache in these churches followinge from henceforth, viz., first at St. Helenes Stanegate, and after that in Christ Church, and after that in Saint Martynes church in Micklegate, and he to preache at every of the said churches for the space of two monthes at the least. And warning therof to be gyven to the constables of every parishe to

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warne their parishoners to come to the said parishe churches to the sermons; and than after that further order to be taken for preaching in other churches.

Agreed that lxxijs^s iiij^d disbursed by Mr. Belt at London and at the last assises and also xijs^s vj^d whiche he paid for making of¹ inditements against papists at the last assises shalbe payd him by the Chamberlaines forthwith.

fo. 60. **Fishgarths. Venison Feast. Ordinance for Shoemakers.**

7 September 24 Elizabeth (1582). *Present*—Robert Brooke, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 6 of the xxiv.

Agreed that certayne watermen and keile men shalbe spoken with all to knowe if there be any fishe garthes maid to noysance.

Agreed that wheras my L. President hath bestowed on my L. Maior and Aldermen of this Cyttie two bucks to make mery withall that the same bucks shalbe eaten on tewesdaie next at the howse of Francis Hynche by my Lord Maior and Aldermen, sheriffs, xxiiij, and Chamberlaynes and all their ladies and wives.

(*fo. 61*). Agreed that the shomakers of this Cyttie from henceforth shall and may sole and vampett² all manner of bootes as well ould as newe with blacke leather onelie, and not with bend or reade leather, but the said shomakers shall not in any wise spetche, clowte or coble any manner of bootes but onelie sole and vampet them, as is aforesaid, upon paine of vjs viij^d.

o. 61b. **Cobblers' Ordinances.**

7 September 24 Elizabeth (1582)

Furst, that no man shall occupie the coblers crafte within this Cytie, but he shall pay to the coblers towards there yearlie chardges vs, except onely that every man may serve himself, or a man servant serve his maister.

Item yf ther be anie man that occupies as maister and will not pay his dewetie yearlie after he be habled by the searchers he shall pay xvj^d.

(*fo. 62*). Item that ther shall no maister of the said craft set any man on worke by the space of one houre, except he pay iiij^d, or take him to prentis.

Item that every maister that will not come at the commandement of his searchers to any assembly for the profyt of the saide crafte he shall forfayt viij^d.

Item if ther be any that occupieth to cary waire, in or forth, to or frome, and is not a brother and a maister of the said craft he shall forfait ijs.

¹ Blank in MS.

² Vampet: to make the upper part of a boot.

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Item if ther be anie of the said craft that is disobedient, and will not obey his searchers for the tyme being he shall forfait viij^d.

Item that there shall no man set up nor occupie as maister, but at his first settinge up he shall pay to the yearlie chardges of the said craft iij^s iiij^d; and also he shall not worke untill he come to the searchers and aske lycense of them to open his shoppe to worke. Forfait viij^d.

Item that no maister nor any servant or apprentice shall worke on sondayes or on any other festivall or holie dayes. Forfait viij^d.

(fo. 62b). That no maister shall take any apprentice for lesse terme than seaven yeares, and to pay for everye prentis at his entrans ij^s. Forfait iij^s iiij^d.

Item that the searchers, and good men of the said occupacon shall frome henceforth make ther assemblies at Saint Antonies hall, and at no other place. Forfait xij^d.

Item that none of the occupacon shall resorte to anie tavernes, inns, alehowse or typling howse upon anie Sundaies or other holie dayes in tyme of devine service or sermones upon payne of vij^d.

Item that if the searchers shall at anie tyme in the searche or otherwise fynd any worke, other not good stuffe, or not well wrought, that then everye maister of the said occupacon with whom such unlawfull worke is found shall forfait viij^d.

Item that ther shall no man set upp or occupie for a maister in the said craft, but at his first settinge up he shall make an habling dynner to the said craft as hayth bene accustomed.

Item that the said coblers shall and may at all tymes hereafter sell, amend clowts and coble all old bootes with read or bend leather onelie, and not with blacke leather, upon payne of vj^s viij^d.

(fo. 63). Item that the coblers shall from henceforth amend, coble, sole and clowte all manner of shooes after they be once worne or occupied, and to capp and welt both old bootes and shoes with new blacke leather at ther pleasure; and that nether any of the said shomakers nor yet any of ther servants or apprentices shal medle with the solinge, clowting or amendinge of anie old shoes or bootes after they be once worne except onelie soling and vampeting of ould bootes with blacke leather; upon payne of vj^s viij^d.

Item that the searchers when they wold meet for the welth of the said occupacon, one of them shall tell the youngest brother of the occupacon, and he shall gyve warning to all the rest to mete at the tyme and place appoynted by the searchers, provided that if the youngest brother be one of the searchers, that then the next youngest brother shall gyve warninge to the rest of the brethern as the youngest ought to have done.

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fo. 64b.

Discharge of an Attorney.

25 September 24 Elizabeth (1582). *Present*—Robert Brooke, Mayor, William Hillyard, Recorder, 4 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 7 of the xxiv.

Whereas this Hows are enformed that John Hall, one of the attorneyes in the Court holden before the Sheriffes of this Cittie, haith by a longe tyme absented himself frome the same Court, and haith not gyven his attendance ther to present his cliants causes in his owen proper person as he ought to have done; and that he haith certified unto the same Sheriffes by his writing under his owen hand that by reason of such trobles as he haith he cannot exercise the same his place of attorneyshipp in the same Court, but is content to yeld up his said office. (*fo.* 65) therefore it is agreed that he shalbe discharged of his said office.¹

fo. 69b.

Skinners' Ordinances.

19 October 1582.

First, that all the forfeitures that are and shalbe dewe in the skynners shalbe in tyme cominge raised, and the one half of them to be paid to the Common Chamber and the other half to the said occupacon.

Item that if any do sell oulde fures for new, or put lamb fell or porcon of lambs fell or furre of broge or sherlings lambe furre, or sell any old pellure for new, or put anie old pellure in new furre he shall pay vjs viij^d.

Item that no skinner within this Cyttie and suburbes of the same take any manner of worke or furre, but that the searchers of the said occupacon shall see the same before he begynne, and when he hayth donne; and that no deceit shalbe found in the same upon payne of vjs viij^d; (*fo.* 70) and that no skinner tewe any fures but suche as belonge to the skinners craft upon payne to forfeit iij^s iij^d.

Item if anie servant of the said occupacon be found with any untrewth to the valewe of sixe pence or more, that then no maister of the said occupacon (knowing the same) shall set him on worke, before he shalbe dewlie corrected for the same, at the discretion of the Lord Mayor, and afterwards admitted to worke again by the searchers upon payne of xx^s.

Item that no master of the said occupacon procure or hire any other mans servant of the said craft before he be loose, or suche tyme as he be departed forth of the service of his said maister, apon payne of vjs viij^d.

Item that all the gatherers of cony skinnes within this Cyttie and the suburbes of the same shalbe contributory and pay to the pagiant of the skinners.

¹ In his place is appointed Thomas Rogerson; the Recorder deems him to be "a man sufficient and mete for that place".

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Item that if anie of the said occupacon of skinnners disturbe, misuse or disobey the searcher or pagiant maister for the tyme being in executing ther office that for every offence he shall pay vjs viij^d.

Item that if anie manner of person will complayne him of any manner of furre put in any apparell to be searched that then they shall come unto the searchers of the said occupacon for the tyme being within one month next after the delivery of the said furre, and the searchers shall have power to search that furre within the said month and no longer, and to correct and amend dewlie the defects in the same, if any be, and the said searchers to have sixe pence for the said search, of him that doth complaine, if ther be no falt, but if ther be falt found in the said furre then he that sold the same to pay six pence for (*fo. 70b*) the search, and to make a reasonable amendes for the furr at the discretion of the said searcher.

Item that if the old searchers make not a reekning to the said occupation within one month next after the day of the electon of the new searchers they shall forfeit vjs viij^d.

Item that every servant whiche haith bene apprentice within this Cyttie in the said occupacon shall not set upp, sell or worke by retaile untill such tyme as he haith paid vjs viij^d to the Comon Chambre and vjs viij^d to the said occupacon.

Item that if anie maister of the occupacon of skinnners shall buye anie lambe fell or cony fell at anie one tyme amounting above the number of one hundreth skinnnes, that every other maister of the said occupacon shall have his porcon therin, if he will, paying to the buyer, as the same cost, upon paine of every buyer so refusing to forfait the valewe of the skinnnes so bought to be divided as is aforesaid.

Item that no taler ne yet any other person or persons within this Cyttie and suburbes of the same shall from henceforth furre anie man or womans gownes, collers nor cuffes or anie other garments upon payne of vjs viij^d.

Item that no skinner worke anie stuffe belonginge to the said occupacon which shalbe tawed in any glovers shoppe upon payne of vjs viij^d.

Item that no skinner nor yet any other person within this Cyttie shall worke or tawe anie kind of stuffe that is bought rawe, ne furre any gownes or garments in ther chambers upon paine of forfeiture of xx^s. And that the said skinnners do bind them and ther successors to mayntaine of ther owne cost one hatt of mayntenaunce of good, fyne and pure gray for the honour and worshipp of this Cyttie.

(<i>fo. 71</i>). Inprimis for washinge and fleshinge of			
a c lambe skinnnes	...	...	iiij ^d
Item for c tewing and buttering	...	...	xvj ^d
Item for a tymmer of feches tewing	vij ^d
Item for a tymmer of martrons tewing	xij ^d

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Item for a tymmer of minckes tewing	xij ^d
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Item for a tymmer of foxes tewing	iijs ^s iiij ^d
Item for a tymmer of cattes tewing	xx ^d
Item for a m gray warks tewing	...	...	vs
Item for a m caliber tewing	...	...	vjs ^s
Item for a tymmer of armyns tewing	...	...	vj ^d
Item for a timmer of lettise tewing	...	...	iiij ^d
Item for a c of conyes tewing	...	...	xx ^d
Item for a c of lambe beatinge and sewinge	...	...	iiijs ^s
Item for a c hopping and shappinge	...	...	viiij ^d
Item for a c pallestringe	...	...	xij ^d
Item for a dosen tavilions makeinge	...	...	iiij ^d
Item for a m gray worke waininge and brainge	...	...	ijs ^s
Item for the potinge, pinsing and rightinge of wambes and rigges	...	...	ijs ^s
Item for a warpinge of all manner of fures of rigges and of wombes—every furre	...	...	ij ^d
Item for teasinge of a furr	...	...	ij ^d
Item for the seaming, traversinge and casing of a furre	...	...	vj ^d
Item for l purde seaming and sewing	...	...	j ^d
Item for a c puttinge, shapinge and sewing	...	...	vj ^d
Item for a tymmer of cropes making	...	...	iijs ^s iiij ^d
Item for a tymmer of putts sewinge overthwart seame	...	...	j ^d
Item for a furre of croppes and a furre of puttes traversing, sewinge and casing	...	...	iiij ^d
Item for a c conyes cuttinge, beatinge, sewinge and squaring	...	...	x ^d
Item for a furre of sharkins makeinge	...	...	vj ^d
Item for a furre of purde, maid out of tavilions of iiij yeardes wide and a yeard dipp	...	...	viiij ^d
Item for a furre of broad miniver of tavilions	...	...	vj ^d

fo. 74. **Citizens ordered to be at the Minster.**

Watch at Bars and Posterns.

15 November 24 Elizabeth (1582). *Present*—Robert Brooke, Mayor, William Hillyard, Recorder, 8 Aldermen, 7 of the xxiv.

Agreed that warning shalbe forthwith gyven by the officers to all the Aldermen, Sheriffes, and xxiiij of this Cittie, and all others that have borne office within this Cittie, and also all substanciall comoners of the same Cittie, that they and their wives be at the communion and sermon at the Mynster tomorrowe at eight of the clocke in the morning, and every of them to be there in their best apparell upon paine of every one making default to forfait xij^d.

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Also it is agreed that all the posterans within this Cittie shalbe presentlie shutt upp and locked, and that none shall come in the same; and that straight watche be kept at (*fo.* 74b) every barre within this Cyttie in this manner; viz., that two substanciall howseholders in their owne persons shall begynne the watche at every barre; and they to begynne tomorowe at v of the clocke in the morning, and they to watche till none, and then other two to take their place, and to continewe untill v of the clocke the next morning; and the persons so watching to be first viewed by the wardens of the ward; and so to continewe till further order is taken herein.

fo. 75b. **Fines for non-attendance at Meetings**

19 November 25 Elizabeth (1582). *Present*—Robert Brooke, Mayor, William Hillyard, Recorder, 3 Aldermen, 2 of the xxiv.

Agreed that every Alderman, Sheriffe, and xxiv, being warned to appeare at this place, and doth make default without a reasonable excuse shall paie vjd for every such default.

fo. 82. **Order against Seminarists**

4 January 24 Elizabeth (1582-3). *Present*—Robert Brooke, Mayor, William Hillyard, Recorder, 11 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 11 of the xxiv.

The Quenes majesties commission to my Lord Maior and Aldermen directed was openly redd; the tenour whereof hereafter enseweth word by word.

By the Queene.

To our right trustie and welbeloved the Maior of our Citie of York and to the Aldermen of the same:

Trustie and welbeloved we greet yow well. Wheras the great care and zeale we have had ever since our first coming to the crowne for the planting and establishing of Gods holie word and trew religion within this our realme, and other our dominions, haith ben notoriouslie knowen unto all our subjects, as well by sondry lawes and ordinancs maid and published for the true serving of God and administraction of the sacraments; as by divers commissions and other directions gyven out from us for that purpose; to thend that therby our subjects being trayned up in the feare and true knowledge of God might the better learne their dutie and obedience towards us; and yet neverthesse sondry lewde and evill affected persons to our present estate, by nature our subjects borne, but by disloyaltie yelding ther obedience to other forraine potentats, have of lait yeares entred into certayne societies in the partys beyond the seaes, as in the Cyttie of Rennes, and other places, carryinge the names of Semynaries and Jesuites, where being trayned upp and as it were full fraught with all erroniows and detestable doctrine, they have and do dailie repare, ever disguised and

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in a most secreet manner into this our realme, and especiallie into this our County of the Cyttie of Yorke, where they bee in sondry placs well entertaned and harbored, by meanes whereof they have not onelie malitiously gone about to seduce and pervert the simple sort of our (*fo.* 82b) good subjects in matters of religion, but also have practised most unnaturalie, trayterouslie to withdraw them frome ther naturall dewties and allegiance towards us, sowing even according to the name they have receved abroad, the verie seed of all sedicion and conspiracye amongst our people; and all be it we conceived that ther rebellious harts and practises being thoroughlie discovered, as well by the lait traytorous attempts of some of them in our realme of Irland, as by the treasonable actions of others within this our realme; and ther obstinate and sedicious manner of dying when, being justlie condempned by our lawes, they have suffered death for the same; yow wold most carefullie and diligently have loked unto the seeking out and apprehending of such wicked persons, being a matter of so great consequence to our service, and lending princepallie to the publique quiet of our wholl state, and to the particuler salftie of every of our good subjects; and the rather for that our pleasure in that behalf haith often and sundry wayes ben signified unto yow, and for the execucon wherof you have not wanted sufficient auctoritie; yet notwithstanding smale, rare or none at all haith ben had, to answeere our expectacon and truste reposed in yow, so as we might justlie be drawen to thinke hardlie of yow yf we were not persuaded that yow have rather neglected your duties for some other respect than for want of good affection in our Service. We have thought good therfor to straightlie chardg and comaund yow, and every of yow, to have a greater care and moare continewal circumspection on that behalf, and by all the good and discreet meanes yow may to make diligent enquiries and searche within your severall wardes and divisions for all manner of popish preasts, jesuits, semynaries and such like persons, as yow shall have vehement cause to suspect to be malicious and obstinate mislikers of the religion by us established, and of our present estate; and the same to apprehend and send under salfe custodie unto our right trustie and welbeloved cosine, E. of Huntingdon, President of our Counsell in these parts, and in his absence to our Counsell here. And further we will yow to have a speciall regard that such persons as shall ether willinglie absent them selves from the church, or shall any way deprave the order of common praer and of the hollie sacraments now established within this realme, or shall malitiously abuse the ministers of the same, or shall by anie other meanes show them selves obstinate and contemptous in matters concerning religion, may be throughlie proceded with according to our lawes, wherein our meaning is that yow should especiallie deale with principall persons who (we assure ourselves) do by ther evill example draw and (*fo.* 83) encouradg the inferior sort to continewe in ther blindnes and

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disobedience. And so requiering yow to procede in the execucon herof in such manner as we may have cause to thynke you desier theareby to repare the falts of your former negligence, and to dischardge your selves in your duties, according to our expectacon and the trust we comitt to yow, we recomend the due accomplishment of all the premises unto your discreet and diligent providing herein, whereof yow may not fayle as yow tender our favor. Yeven under our signet at our Cytte of Yorke the last of December 1583.

And by hir Counsil.

C. Harbart, Mr. Robinson, Maister Maltby, Mr. Appleyard, Mr. Trewe and Mr. May, Aldermen, are appoynted to view the chambers upon Ouse bridge and Monck barre to morrowe at after none, and to see whether of the same be most mete for the prison for suche persons as will fullie resist to come to church to thentent the same may be forthwith repared for that purpose.

fo. 84b.

Chantry Lands.

15 January 25 Elizabeth (1582-3).

Agreed that Mr. Recorder and Mr. Belt shall talk with Mr. Morley and to procede to obtayne in fee farme or lease of the late chantry lands, which was latelie certified by comyssions; and also that they shall talk with one Mr. Plomard and to conclude with him for all the lands belonging to St. Thomas hospitall; and they to have all suche money as they shall disburse about the same.

fo. 91b.

Goldsmith charged.

15 February 25 Elizabeth (1582-3). *Present*—Christopher Maltby, Mayor, 9 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 6 of the xxiv.

George Kitchyn, goldsmyth, being presented by the searchers of the goldsmythes for selling of plate untowched, and also for working of evill silvar contrary to ther ordinall; the same did now submit him self to such fyne as my Lord Maior and others this worshipfull assemble shall assesse upon him for his said offenses.

(fo. 92). A note of certayne plait not lawfull, presented by the searchers of the goldsmythes:

Sir William Fairfax, with T, one silver bowle, the weight of it	} vij ounce demy and x ^d
Henry May, Alderman, with S, two silver bowles, the weight of them	
Mr. Blencorne, two silver bowles with T, the weight of them	} xiiiij ounces
Mistres Lister, one salt of silver, the weight of yt	
	} ix ounces

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fo. 94.

Charge against an Attorney.

22 March 25 Elizabeth (1582-3). *Present*—Christopher Maltby, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 3 of the xxiv.

Francis Killingbecke, one of the attorneyes in the Sheriffs Court, who was synce the last assemblie here comaunded by the said Lord Maior with the assent of certayne of his bretheren, Aldermene, not to practis or plead as an attorney before the Sheriffs of this Cyttie, unto such tyme as my Lord Maior and his Bretheren shold agree unto the same by a newe order, as towching the breache of his promis maid to the same Lord Maior, concerning a sewt in the said court brought by Christofer Smythson, draper, plaintif, against John Nevell esquier, defendant, towching a horse; for whiche cause the said Francis was attorney for the said Nevell, and for that the said Killingbecke had promissed the said Lord Maior that his client should not remove his said suyt out of the said court before the said Sheriffs, whiche notwithstanding his said promis the said John Nevell removed the same. And now the said Francis appearing did humblie submitt him self to thorder of the said L. Maior and this worshipfull assemblie for his said offense.¹

fo. 95.

Poor rate collection. A Gaoler punished.

29 March 25 Elizabeth (1583). *Present*—Christopher Maltby, Mayor, William Hillyard, Recorder, 10 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs.

Agreed that the collectours for the poore of every parish shall forthwith make payment to the heade collectoure of every ward; and if any the collectors refuse to make payment accordinglye the same collectors or collector to be comitted to ward ther to remayne unto suche tyme as the said collectors shall pay all such sommes of money as they ought pay and collect, and if the said collectors cannot levye the same, they doing their best indevor then such arrerages to be furth with paid by the Chamberlanes and allowed.

And Henry Lakin, one of the sergeants to the Sheriffs of this Cittie, for his lewd demeanor viz. in suffering certayne prisoners, being in his ward, when as he was jalor, to go forth of John Trewes howse, and to confer with papists, viz. with Thirkeld, a seminary priest, and others; therfor it is this daie ordered that the said Henry shalbe dischargd and displaced and also shalbe comitted to Monckbarre there to remayne till to morowe at night for his said offence.

fo. 97b.

Dirt disposal. Letters from Earl of Huntingdon.

10 May 25 Elizabeth (1583). *Present*—Christopher Maltby, Mayor, William Hillyard, Recorder, 6 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 3 of the xxiv.

¹ He was fined xx^s.

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Agreed that no inhabitant within this Cyttie shall frome hensforth lay, cast or empty any tubbes or other fylth in any place within this Cyttie, but to bury the same in ther owne ground, so that it be not to noysanc of ther neighbours upon payne of iijs iiij^d. And the wardens of every ward to appoynt a convenient place without every Barr before Penticost next, wherein the inhabitants of every ward may lay and put ther tubbes and filth, before midsomer next; and in the meane tyme to lay the same at Sanet George close, and ther upon warnyng to be gyven.

After my hartie commendacons unto your L. I have imparted somewhat of my mynd unto this bearer, the under Sheriffe of Yorkshire, towching some thing whiche I thynke fit to be donne in your towne for the preventing of some infecion which may happilie ensewe if things be not carefully loked unto; wherof althoughe I dowt not but your Lordshippe will have that regard which is needsfull in that case, yet I have thought good to appoynt him to repare unto yow, and to acquaynt your Lordshipp with my opinion in that behalf. Thus desiring you to gyve him credit in that he shall ympart unto you from me I do commit you, your Bretheren, to Gods mercifull tuicon.

London xjth of May 1583.

To my loving friend

the L. Maior of Yorke.

Your L's loving friend

H. Huntynghdon.

fo. 99.

Street cleaniug.

17 May 25 Elizabeth (1583).

Agreed that the streetes shalbe clensed every weeke thrise viz. tewesday, thursday and saturday, and to cary away the fylth and swepings the same day ymmediatlie after the market be endid; and that the officer of every ward shall weekly gyve commaundement to the constables to se it done weekly accordingly.

fo. 99b.

Sheriffs' riding. Exchange of Bells.

Well in Thursday market.

31 May 25 Elizabeth (1583). *Present*—Christopher Maltby, Mayor, 6 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 6 of the xxiv.

Agreed that the Sheriffes of this Cyttie shall ryde on mydsomer day next at after none, and every person to be comaunded to attend upon Mr. Sheriffs according to thorder sett downe the last yere.

(fo. 100). Agreed that the parishoners of St. Saviours shall have the iiij bells in the chapell upon Ousebridge; and they to deliver ther bells to the Cyttie use.

Agreed that the common well in Thursday market shall be openned and clensed agayne, and that Mr. Faux shall talke with thinhabitants there abowts and knowe what they will gyve towardses

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the opening and skowring of the same, and he to make report thereof the next howse.

Scots wish to visit York Meeting.

(fo. 100b). After my very hartly commendacons; Theis gentillmen hereof being of my tryne and company ar desiorous to visit the toun and minster of Yorke, and to that effect have tane journey thither of intentur to meet me the morne anis at Topclif or Northallerton. I am to requier yow very earnestlie to lett them have that courtiesie and favour as to be well and courtiouslye resaved and interteyned in during ther remaining with yow and for ther better expedition towards me againe to graunt them so many post horses as they ar in number with a guide to be ther surete as use is, according to hir hienes comission herein to me and my tryne to that effect; whereof for your better warrand I have sent yow the copy subscribed be the post master of the toun of Ferrybridge. Fra the Ylles expecting this lefull courtechie at your handes I committ youe hartly to God. From Ferrybridge this penult of May 1583.

Your assured lefull frend
William Steuart.¹

To my Lord Mayor of York
or in his absente to the
Aldermen or quhas sumever
other officer the content hereof dois apertene.

fo. 101b.

Work of York Goldsmith.

7 June 25 Elizabeth (1583).

Agreed that John Yedall, maceberer, and George Kitchin, goldsmyth, furthwith shall go to every goldsmyth shopp, and the said Kitchin to take of every of them one parcell of plate, and to make a note wose plate it is, and to deliver the same to the handes of the said John Yedall to be brought hither to be sene furthwith, bycause it is nowe avowched by some of the said goldsmythes that is not so good as they worke with plat was nowe brought before theis presents, and a note taken therof, and so delivered to thands of John Yodall to kepe.

(fo. 103). 14 June 25 Elizabeth (1583). *Present*—Christopher Maltby, Mayor, 9 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 4 of the xxiv.

Agreed that George Kitchin and an other of the goldsmythes of this Cyttie, and suche cytizins as my Lord Maior shall appoynte shall go to London forthwith, and to take with them parcells of plate as was latelie taken of the goldsmythes of this Cyttie; and to reporte to a saye maister ther, and gett hym to trye the said plaite,

¹ This is, I think, Sir William Stewart, of Huston.

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whether it be good or not; and the chardges of the said cyttizin so going with the said goldsmythes to have his chardges borne by thoccupacon of goldsmythes of this Cyttie.

And whereas there is one article in the bakers ordinall that no inhabitants within this Cyttie or suburbes of the same not beyng a free bayker bake any spiced caks to sell but onelie the free bakers upon payne of xls.

fo. 103b.

Midsummer Day.

19 June 25 Elizabeth (1583). *Present*—Christopher Maltby, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs.

Agreed that the Sheriffs shall have xxx^{li} of corne powder to be used on midsomer day next to be provided forthwith by the Chamberlaines.

fo. 107.

Deputies to Sir Walter Raleigh.¹

10 August 25 Elizabeth (1583). *Present*—Christopher Maltby, Mayor, 9 Aldermen, 10 of the xxiv.

Assembled in my Lord Maior his dwelling howse, when and where Rychard Browne, gent, and Ruben Senton, gent, deputies to Walter Raleigh, esquier, came personallie, and did shewe fourth her Majesties letters paltents dayted iiij May 1583, whereby hir Majestie did grant unto the said Walter Raleigh or his depute of deputies for the terme of xxj yeares to grant licenses for retaling of wyne to such persons as they shall thinke convenient for the naturall lifes of such persons, ther wives, and some one of the children. And the said Rychard Browne and Ruben Senton did also shewe ther writing of deputacon, and did request my Lord Maior and his Bretheren that the vinteners and taverners of this Cyttie might come before them at the said Cytty at one of the clocke in the afternone of the same day, and then and ther to shewe by what auctoritie they did retale wyne and kepe a tavern, which request was then granted by the Lord Maior and his Bretheren.

fo. 108b.

The Archbishop's cook made a freeman.

The Lord President annoyed.

4 September 25 Elizabeth (1583). *Present*—Christopher Maltby, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 6 of the xxiv.

Agreed that Robert Hudson, cooke, servant to my Lord Archbishopp, shall be maid free for xx nobles to be paid in hand; whereof iiij^{li} vj^s viij^d to be geven him agayne at the Archebusshopes request.

Forsomoch as John Jackson, officer, did not do his dewtie in getting of post horses in tyme for my Lord President, according as

¹ In May, 1582, Raleigh was granted a monopoly of licensing.

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the said Jackson was comaunded by my Lord Maior, whereat my Lord President was greatlie displeased, and offended at my Lord Maior; it is therfor now agreed that the said Jackson shalbe fourthwith comitted to ward to Mounck barr there to remayne during my Lord Mayor's pleasure.

fo. 112b. **Council Chamber arrangements.**

11 October 25 Elizabeth (1583). *Present*—Christopher Maltby, Mayor, William Hillyard, Recorder, 7 Aldermen, 5 of the xxiv.

Agreed that a bell shalbe honge upp in the Counsell house with all speed, and that the esquiers at sword and mace frome henceforth shall attend at the utter dore of the said counsell howse and when any person shall have any busynes ther before my Lord Maior or Aldermen, etc., then one of the said esquiers to ringe the bell. And that the said esquiers shall gyve ther attendaunce at the far utter dore and also the sex esquiers at mace to my Lord Maior shall gyve ther attendans in the late chapell there and none of the said esquiers or officers to depart during the tyme that my Lord Mayor and Aldermen shall remayn ther upon payne of ymprisonment for everie suche offence.

fo. 115b. **Chantry Lands.** **City Preacher.**

5 November 25 Elizabeth (1583). *Present*—Christopher Maltby, Mayor, William Hillyard, Recorder, 10 Aldermen, 9 of the xxiv.

Agreed that Mr. Harbert and Mr. Belt shall deale with Mr. Morley for the chantry lands, and to gett the same in lease for three skoore yeres at the least of the lands within this Cyttie and suburbes, if no more wilbe gotten, and that instructions shalbe presentlie written.

Agreed that Mr. Myddopp, nowe preacher for the Cyttie, shall during such tyme as he shall remayne preacher for this Cyttie have xxx^{li} for his wages and x^{li} more by yeare gyven him of benevolence, and he to begynne with the same at Christmas next.

fo. 116. **Archbishop and his chaplains to preach.**

22 November 26 Elizabeth (1583). *Present*—Christopher Maltby, Mayor, William Hillyard, Recorder, 5 Aldermen.

Assembled in the Lord Maior his howse. Agreed that whereas my L. Archbishop his Grace is amynded to preach within this Cyttie for a certayne tyme, it is therfor agreed that his Grace, if he thinks good, shall preach at Crux church, and one of his chaplanes at Trinities in Goodramgate, one other of his chaplanes at Saint Margarets church in Walmegate, and one other of his chaplanes at Trinities church in Miclegate.

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fo. 121.

Offender punished.

15 January 26 Elizabeth (1583-4).

Wheras Thomas Dobson hath bene heretofore detected for a certayne offens by him comitted, as appeareth by the booke of Actes in the tyme of Mr. William Robinson, Maior; and also of late haith caused a stranger to be arreasted at Edward Comyns, inholder, at mydnyght, when he was in his lodging; and being examined before my Lord Maior justified him self that he was wrongfullie punnished in the tyme of the Maioraltie of Mr. Wm. Robinson and for other his offenses and misdemonars by him latelie comitted; it is therfore now agreed that he shall not frome hence-fourth be in any office to the Lord Maior or Sheriff, and also shalbe comitted to ward there to remayne during my Lord Maiors pleasure.

fo. 123b.

A soap boiler.

31 January 26 Elizabeth (1583-4). *Present*—Christopher Maltby, Mayor, 6 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 4 of the xxiv.

Agreed that Gyles Howland shalbe admitted to occupie boyling and selling of sope onelie, and no other trade within this Cyttie, he paying to the use of this Cyttie x^{ls} by yere at Michaellmas; provided allwayes that if the said Gyles shall happen to do any act or thinge in or by selling and boyling the said sope that shall by any meanes be thought and judged by the Lord Mayor and Aldermen to be hurtfull to the cittizens that then and from thenceforth the acte to be void and of none effect.

fo. 129.

Prisoners for Religion.

14 February 26 Elizabeth (1583-4). *Present*—Thomas Appleyard, Mayor, 6 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 7 of the xxiv.

And wheras latelie the Sheriffs of this Cittie taking occation to viewe their prisoners in the kidcotes upon Ousebridge they found emongest those that are comitted for not commyng to church, certane masse bookes, pictures, holie water, with trencles, beades, peces of vestments, wax candles, one girdle, and a great canvas bagg, belongin to some man, having in yt some unlawfull bookes; wherfor it is supposed that some seminary preist did resort to the said gaole and there did saie masse, perswading the said prisoners to remaine in their disobedience; and wheras also the children of William Huton, draper, one of the prisoners in the saide gaoles, have course and libertie to go from place to place in the said goales, and to cary lettres and messages to and from the said prisoners to the discredit and slaunder of the same Sheriffs in whose chardge the government of the said is committed; therfor for the safer custodie of the said prisoners and better order in the said goales, it is by us here assembled agreed as followith

(fo. 129b). Furst that the Sheriffs shall remove forth of ther kidcotes into the Maiors kidcotes all such prisoners as are there

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for religion, and likewise that they shall remove all such as are in Maiors kidcotes for debt into the Sheriffs kidcotes. And also that the said Sheriffs cause the said children of William Huton to be kept with their mother in the prison where she is, onelie the said William Huton can otherwise provide for them, so that they be not suffered to go abroad; neyther to repare to their father in ye Maiors kidcote.

And it is further agreed that the said Sheriffs shall frome henceforth cause the dores of the said gaoles and kidcotes (the Sheriffes kidcotes, where the said prisoners for debt shalbe remaining onelie excepted) to be close and suerlie locked; so that no manner of person or persons whatsoever be suffered to resort with necessarie convenyent as meat, dryncke, water, fewell and clothes to anie of the said prisoners (except before excepted) at any tyme ether day or night, but onelie betwene the howers of vij and viij of the clocke in the mornings, and betwene fower and fyve of the clocke in the after noones, and that the said necessities shalbe conveyed and delivered as is aforesaid in the presence of such officers as the said Sheriffs shall appoint for the keping of the said kidcotes and gaoles.

And it is also agreed that the said Sheriffs shall not suffer any of the said prisoners, which shalbe in the Maiors kidcotes to come up to the grate or hooles of the said kidcotes, but to be kept by lowe in the said prisons, and that such necessities, as is aforesaid, which shall happen to be brought, shalbe conveyed to the said prisons, betwene the said howers by such officers as the said sheriffs shall appoynt for the keping of the said gaoles, as the said Sheriffs will answeere to the contrary at their perills. And for better expedi-con in the premisses, it is agreed that the Chamberlaines shall forthwith alter and amende all such things in and about the said gaoles as the said Sheriffs at their discretions shall thinke convenient at the chardge of the Common Chambre.

fo. 130. **Ditches in the City Moats. Coal Wagons to pay toll.**

21 February 26 Elizabeth (1583-4). *Present*—Thomas Appleyard, Mayor, William Hillyard, Recorder, 9 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 12 of the xxiv.

Agreed that warning shalbe forthwith gyven to all such persons as have in their occupacon anye of the Cittie moates that they shall cause the ditches of the same moates to be cut, skowred and clensed one yard deepe and fower yeards broad before Easter next upon pane of xls. Agreed that the wardens of Miklith ward shall from henceforth have and receyve all the money and dewties that shall be dewe to be paid to this corporacon for cole waynes comyng thorowe Micklith barre; and that the said wardens shall therfor pay to the Common Chamber the somme of xs yearlie; and in consideracon of the said money the said wardens shall yearlie

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from tyme to tyme cawse the cittie causeys leading from Micklith barre to the watring place beyond (*fo.* 130b.) Saint James his late chappell to be well and sufficiently repared.

fo. 133b.

Jurors return an untrue verdict.

14 March 26 Elizabeth (1583-4). *Present*—Thomas Appleyard, Mayor, William Hillyard, Recorder, 9 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 6 of the xxiv.

Certaine persons being of the late jury at the Pryvie Sessions viz., Thomas Walter, Richard Whittington, William Gibson, Robert Hutchenson, William Young, Robert Pereson, William Beckwith, draper, Robert Paycocke, George Goodyere, Christopher Eshe, William Peter, Thomas Wilson, Antony Tessimond and John Farrington, personallie appeared, and being severalie chardged and examined towching not fynding one Margaret Dickson, wife of one Christopher Dickson of Chippyng, to be a rooge in the first degree according to there evidence; and some of them also for answering disorderlie before the Justics of the said Sessions being holden the seaventh daie of Marche 1583; the said persons did now make their aunsweres to the same, and said they cold not find the said Margaret to be a roge, for that she had a husbandman. Wherefore this Court did think that the said jurors did not according to the evidence. Wherefore they were severallie called and demaunded if they wold submit themselves to abide the orders of this worshipfull assemblie towching the premisses; the said Richard Whittington, William Gibson, Robert Hutchenson, Robert Pearson, William Beckwith and William Peter did submit themselves to the order of these presents. And all the residewe did refuse so to do. Therefore it is now agreed that those which did submit themselves, apou payment of their fees shalbe dischargd of their appearance at the next Sessions, and the residewe to appere there according to their recognisances.

fo. 137.

Money for the Queen's household.

4 May 26 Elizabeth (1584). *Present*—Thomas Appleyard, Mayor, William Hillyard, Recorder, 8 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 2 of the xxiv.

Agreed that six of the best gentlemen and vj yeomen or mo, and the head constable of thainstie to appere before my Lord Maior and Aldermen on thursday next at one of the clocke in the afternone, there to be assessed together with the wapentake of thainstie for the provision of the Quenes howse.

(*fo.* 137b). After my hartie comendacions; you shall understand that yester night I did receyve for my Lord President one note of rates for the west ridding and thainstie of Yorke for the provision of the Quenes howse, the copie wherof I do send you here

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inclosed. And for that thainstie is assessed to xvj^{li} I thought good to send you word the rather for that you might in tyme make sewt to be eased of some part thereof at my Lord Presedents hands, for it must be gathered with expedicon, and the severall towneshippes to be assessed by me and my Bretheren according to the said rate without delay. Therefore I do deisre yow to send me your answeare with all expedicon, for on Monday I do meane (God willing) to proceed to the assessments of the same. And thus ceasing to troble you any further, I do betake you to the tuicon of the Almightye. Yorke the 30 of Aprill.

Your loving frend

Thomas Appleyard, Maior.

The Ainstie of Yorke	xvj ^{li}
Claro	xviiij ^{li}
Stancliffe and Ewecross	xviiij ^{li}
Agbrig and Morley	xviiij ^{li}
Osgodcross and Stancliffe	xvj ^{li}
Barkston	xij ^{li}
Stafford and Tickell	xiiiij ^{li}
Skirack	xij ^{li}

Summa cxx^{li}

If you meane to do anything in the matter yow must do yt this day, for my Lord President and the Justics of the west ridding do fullie determyne these cawses tomorrowe, and then there wilbe no abaytment.

fo. 138. **The Ainsty Assessment. Licence to make and sell soap.**

16 May 26 Elizabeth (1584). *Present*—Thomas Appleyard, Mayor, 9 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff.

Personallie appered diverse gentlemen of thainstie viz. Peter Newarke, Henry Fairfax, Peter Lawson, esquiers; Robert Snawsell, Guy Frankland, Robert Shawe, gents; Christopher Mawde and Henry Atkinson, high constables, and diverse others, honest yeomen of thaynstie for and concerning one assessement for the Quenes Majesties provision, whiche assessement upon conference had with the said gentlemen and yeomen the same is by these presents respected to a further commaundement.

After our hartye comendacons you shall understand that we and others of our brethern, Aldermen, here this present day deliberated of your cawse towching boyling of soape; and at the request of our neighboure, Antony Pulley we have agreed to this effect viz. that you shall use and occupie boyling and selling of soape onelie and no other trade within this Cyttie for terme of twentie and one yeres if you so long lyve, and you to pay therefor yerelie liijs iiijd. And that if you wold have any more certificate of this matter you shall have a copie of the same under the seale of the said Cyttie.

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And thus ceasing to trouble you any further we do betake you to the tuicon of the Almighty. York this xxviiijth of Aprill, 1584.

Your loving frends

Thomas Appleyard, Maior

Robert Brooke

Christopher Maltbye.

fo. 142.

Encroachment on the Foss.

9 April 26 Elizabeth (1584).

A viewe of ye encrotchments of the water of Fosse and Fosse bridge.

First, we find that John Robson, fishmonger, dwelling on Fosse bridge haith one howse in great decay on Fosse bridge, wherin he dwelleth; and Richard Gibeson, cobbler, being an undersettle in the same howse, doth kepe one filthie sinke, that goeth downe into the river of Fosse and roteth the tymber.

Item, we finde that certane garthes from the north side of Fosbridge are encrotched, and we do thynke that the ryver from the pillar of the brige shalbe enlarded unto one pere tree and apple tree in John Parker garth, marked with two crosses, over unto one wyllow tree in Backhowse garth marked with a crosse, and so directly over unto Mrs. Lee garth by a lyne, and that the earth and wood shalbe taken away by the tenents of suche garthes as are encrotched.

Item that the ryver shalbe enlarded from the lowest of thre willow trees stowed in uxor Brathats garth unto Mr. Hutchinsons garth, iiij yerds within the inmost parte of the privie there; and from thens directly by a lyne v yerds within the old willow trees in Lancelot Cowplands garth, and from the north syde of Christopher Tesche garth tenn yerds directly over to the brigg.

Item that the second arche of the bridge in the west side of the water is stopped on both sides of the bridge that the water cannot have his course.

Henry Smith garth standeth farr into Fosse and likewise his neyghbours on both side.

Item the water is encrotched from Foss bridge by Mr. Harbert privie to Mr. Ellis garth within his garth ends.

fo. 143.

**Schoolmaster composes speeches for the
Midsummer Show.**

3 June 26 Elizabeth (1584). *Present*—Thomas Appleyard, Mayor, 6 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 3 of the xxiv.

A bill of supplicacon was exhibited by one Thomas Grafton, scholemaister, wherby he desireth that for the furtherance of Midsomer shewe, he may be licensed to get forth certane compiled speaches, and also to have one pageant frame for that purpose; which speaches and matter is referred first to Mr. Sheriffs to se and

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peruse, and if upon triall maid therof the said Sheriffs do thinke the same matter to be worthie the publishinge, then the said Grafton to proceed according to his request, or els not.

fo. 144. **Bailiffs' dispute. Gunpowder for Midsummer Show.**

12 June 26 Elizabeth (1584). *Present*—Thomas Appleyard, Mayor, 4 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff.

Agreed that Mr. Recorders advice shalbe taken for that one Peter Hayton, baliff to my L. Archbishopp did take frome one of Mr. Sherif balyfes one horse being stray, and being taken of Bushopthorp more, and the horse being seased by the baliffs of the Ainstie and in his possession.

Agreed that Mr. Sheriffes shall have on Midsomer even all suche allowance of gonepowder, as other Sheriffs of this Cyttie have had any yere these fower yeres last past, to helpe to sette forthe the showe for the worshipp of this Cyttie.

fo. 144b. **Armour for the Show. Times and Places.**

19 June 26 Elizabeth (1584). *Present*—Thomas Appleyard, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 3 of the xxiv.

Agreed that the corseletts belonging to this Cyttie shalbe lent to be used on the Shewe day next to any worshippfull or honest cytizens of this Cyttie that require the same; and William Halley to make a note thereof and some of the Chamberlaynes to be prevye to the delyverie thereof.

Also it is agreed that the Shewe shall begynne betwene iiij and fyve of the clock on Midsomer even next, and to be endid by xj of the clock; and then the play to begynne at one of the clock at after noone; and warning to be gyven thereof accordingle.

And now places ar appoynted to heare the playe as followeth viz. first place at Mr. Harryson, Alderman, doore, ij^d place at Coni street end; iij^d place at my Lord Maiors doore; the iiijth place at the Comon Hall yates; the vth place at the Mynster gates; the vjth place at Goodramgate head; the vijth place at Mr. Alderman Beckwith dore, and the viijth and last place at the bull ryng upon the Payvement.

Agreed that aswell the chardge of the Lord Maior, Aldermen, Sheriffs and xxiiij etc. having the play at the Common Hall yates, as also the chardges the Lady Maioris and the ladies hearing the play at my Lord Maiors doore, on Mydsomer even next, shalbe borne of the Cyttie chardge, and the Chamberlaynes to have warning to make provision accordingle.

fo. 145. **Show Expenses.**

Non-attendance in the Sheriffs' procession.

1 July 26 Elizabeth (1584). *Present*—Thomas Appleyard, Mayor, 5 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 4 of the xxiv.

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Agreed that John Grafton, John Jackson and William Pearson shall have in full satisfaccon of all, such money as they disbursed for the late pagiant or play on Mydsomer even last and for their paine iiij^{li} vj^s viij^d.

(fo. 145b). Also agreed that commaundement shalbe gyven to the constable of every parish to bring in the names of all suche persons as maid default in attending on Mr. Sheriffs at the late Shewe of armor on mondaie next upon pane of every constable maiking default to forfait xx^d.

fo. 146.

Fishergate Bar.

3 July 26 Elizabeth (1584).

The poore folkes in the late barre called Fishergate barre shalbe forthwith avoided, and the same to be maid a howse of correction at the discretion of the wardens of the ward and the Chamberlanes.

fo. 146b.

York Merchant fined.

7 July 26 Elizabeth (1584). *Present*—Thomas Appleyard, Mayor, 6 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 3 of the xxiv.

Certayne constables of dyverse parishes did exhibit bills of severall parishes as did make default at the late Shewe of armor on Midsomer even last. And now Robert Pacock, merchant, beyng one of the persons whiche made default at the said Shewe, personally appered and was fyned therfore vj^s viij^d, whiche he nowe payed, and had iijs iiiij^d therof gyven hym ageyne. And then the said Robert spake and sayed openly before and to theis presens theis unsittyng woords or the like in effect viz.—I have bought a halbert, whiche cost me xx^s, and it is so moche dearer by this iijs iiiij^d, whiche I have nowe payed. And I will sell it and never come at that Shewe, whills I lyve. Fyne me xx^{li}, and ye will—Wherapon it is nowe agreed that the said Robert Pacock shall pay xx^s for a fyne forthwith withoute mitigacon or forgyvenes, or ells he to be ymediatly commytted to warde, there to remayne for the space of twoo monethes next comyng for his said offense.

fo. 150.

Enquiry for concealed lands. A freeman sued.

31 August 26 Elizabeth (1584). *Present*—Thomas Appleyard, Mayor, William Hillyard, Recorder, 8 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 5 of the xxiv.

Forasmuch as Sir James Crofte, knight, hath latelie gotten a Commission to enquier for all concealed lands within this Cittie, whose deputies are now present within this Cittie; wherapon certane honest persons of every parishe within this Cittie, were now called before these presents and gyven to understand thereof, and were also moved by these presents, whether they were contented that the Cittie shold deale by composicon for the whole, and every

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man to have his owne land againe paying ratablie every man for his owne according as the Cittie shall disburse about the same; or ells every particular man to compound for the same at the handes of the said Sir James Crofte or his deputies; and the said comoners of this Cittie have daie to gyve their aunswere in the premisses in this place on friday next at viij of the clocke in the forenoone; and they to bring with them then perfect notes of all the said lands.

(*fo.* 150b). And nowe it is agreed that one lettre shall be maid to Mr. Edward Vavasour for that he doth sewe Robert Wilcocke, being a freeman of this Cittie, at the Common Lawe, and doth refuse to make aunswere to one bill of complaint, which the said Robert haith exhibited against him in this court, whiche lettre followeth in these words.

After my hartie comendacons. These shall be to will and comaund you to be and personallie to appeare before me and my bretheren, Aldermen, in the Counsell Chamber upon Ousebridge on fridaie, being the eleventh of Septombre instant, at tenne of the clocke in the forenone, to make aunswere unto such complaint as Robert Wilcocke haith exhibited against you. Fale not herein, as you will aunswere the contrary at your perill.

Your loving friend

Thomas Appleyard, Mayor.

fo. 152.

Concealed Lands.

4 September 26 Elizabeth (1584). *Present*—Thomas Appleyard, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 6 of the xxiv.

The Commons of this Cittye, whiche hadd daye geven to gyve aunswere to a composicon, which is thought good to be mayde with Sir James Crofte, his deputies, towchinge concealed lands dyd appeare in this Courte, and dyd gyve their consents that the L. Maior and Aldermen shoulde at their discrecons (if they would) compounde for the whole Cittie; and that they the sayde Commons woulde be contented everye man to be then chargeable for his owne particular; yt is therefore agreed that Mr. Records advise shalbe had towchinge the premisses.

fo. 155.

City Preacher appointed. Chantry lands.

16 October 26 Elizabeth (1584). *Present*—Thomas Appleyard, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 10 of the xxiv.

Mr. Holden shalbe the preacher of the Cittie of Yorke to begine from Michaelmas last; and he to have xli^{li} fee to be payd him quarterlye so longe as my Lorde Maior and this house shall thinke good.

(*fo.* 155b). And now Mr. Brooke and Mr. Andrew Trewe, Aldermen, Mr. Edward Fawcett and John Standeven (and 5 others) are appointed to serche forth evidencs and recordes concernyng the late chanty lands of this Cittie and also the chartres of deodands

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at two of the clocke in the afternone of this present daie to the intent that Mr. Recorder may see and approve the same.

fo. 157b.

Election of M.P.s.

28 October 26 Elizabeth (1584). *Present*—Thomas Appleyard, Mayor, William Hillyard, Recorder, 7 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 6 of the xxiv.

The Quene's majesties writ of elecon for two Burgesses of theis Cittie was redd in this Court: and also these Commoners (36 names follow) freholders of this Cittie did now personallie appeare and were present at the reding of the said writ; and then afterwards went in the Chequer court, and then and there, having with them a clarke, did privatlie gyve their voices as appeareth by a paper of their said voices; they did choise Mr. Robert Asquith, Mr. William Robinson, Mr. Robert Brooke and Mr. Cristofer Maltby, Aldermen, as fower elites for the said Burgesses, and brought the same before this assemblie, who one after another, did gyve their private voices to the elecon of two of the said Aldermen to be Burgesses (*fo. 158*). And Mr. Recorder with a clarke taking their voice, by the most voices of them presents, the said Mr. William Robinson and Robert Brooke are now nominated to be Burgesses for this Cittie. And it is now further agreed that on Mondaie the nynth of November next the said Mr. Robinson and Mr. Brooke shalbe published and nominated Burgesses for the said Cittie in the Countie court there, and all the said persons who was at the said elecon to be commaunded to be then present; and that a lettre of Attorni shalbe maid to the said Burgesses under the Comon Seale as hath bene accustomed.

fo. 159.

Disreputable Waits. Common Informers.

31 October 26 Elizabeth (1584). *Present*—Thomas Appleyard, Mayor, William Hillyard, Recorder, 7 Aldermen, 6 of the xxiv.

John Clarke and Baltherston, two of the wates of this Cittie did personallie appere in this Court, and were examined towching their evill and disorderlie behaviour to the discredit of this Cittie viz.—that they have gone abroad in the contry in very evill apparell with their hose forth at their heeles; also for that they are comon drunkards and cannot so cunnynglie play on their instruments as they ought to do, and concerning other their misdemeanor, which disorder the said wates cold not deny.¹

(*fo. 159b*). Agreed that Lancelot Whitfeld and his fellowes, officers at the tipstaves, shall be from hencforth Comon Enformers against all such as use any unlawfull games, and such as are comon drynckers in service tyme, and also brewers and tiplers, which sell their ale contrary to the statute, and those which do not make the streetes clene, and also against keping of swyne; and they to

¹ They were dismissed from their office.

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present the same both at the Sessions of Peace, Sheriffs Turnes, Wardmote Corts, or before the Lord Maior; and they to have the moitie of all fynes by them presents.

fo. 161b. **Association for preservation of the Queen's Person.**

6 November 26 Elizabeth (1584). *Present*—Thomas Appleyard, Mayor, William Hillyard, Recorder, 9 Aldermen, 10 of the xxiv.

Assembled in the Common Hall of this Cittie together with the most part of the Comoners, Mr. Recorder stood up and did effectually declare the effect of one instrument of the Assotiacon for the preservacon of the Quenes majesties most royal person. And ymediatlie after that the said instrument was openly red, and then as well these presents assembled as also many of the said Comoners did set their hands and seales to the same.

fo. 162b. **M.P.s and Chantry lands.**

13 November 26 Elizabeth (1584). *Present*—Thomas Appleyard, Mayor, 9 Aldermen, 7 of the xxiv.

Agreed that William Robinson and Roberte Brooke, Burgesses, shall this terme go thorowe with Mr. Morley for a lease of the chauntrye landes within this Cittie for the terme of three score yeares beinge fyfthe eight poundes and sextene pence by yeare. And wheras their must be payde this terme one hundreth and fyfthe poundes for the same, it is agreed that the Burgesses shall take up one hundrethe poundes at London for the same and that the same shalbe payde them againe. And also that the said Burgesses shall maike sewte for a certayne number of trees to be taken forth of her majisties woodes for the reparinge of the same landes and milles.

fo. 164b. **Instructions for M.P.s.**

14 November 1584.

Inprimis to make sewt to have upon everye Thursdaye fortnight one fare for beast, horse and shepe to be kepte in some convenient place within this Cittie.

Item that it shall not be lawfull to any person or persones other than the skinnners in any cittie or towne corporat to buy any cony skines.

Item to make sewte for the suppressinge and disallowinge of the fares at Beverlay and Howden.

Item that it may be lawfull for the Cittizins of York to bringe herings and fishe to this Cittie of their awne provision as they have bene heretofore accustomed.

Item that the goldsmithes of this Cittie may have searche of all the goldsmithes worke in the contry from Trente northward and of Westchester and Manchester.

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Item that if any tax be graunted to the Quenes majestie to have for abatement thereof.

Item that Yorke may have like provision for takinge of apprentices as London and Norwiche have.

Item that the saddlers may have searche of all worke belonginge to their occupacon as is wrought within Yorkshere, and that the moitie or one halfe of suche worke not lawfully wrought may be forfeited to the use of the Chamber of York and thother to the said occupacon.

Item that the searchers of occupacons within this Cittie may have searche of suche artificers as do dwell within the close of York.

(*fo.* 165). Item to suppress killnes within the said Cittie kepte and occupied by strangers.

Item to goe thorowe with the lease for the chancre landes, being by yeare fyfthe eyght pounds and sixtene pence, whiche will cost one hundreth and fyfthe pounds to make shifte to pay the money there.

fo. 165b.

The Preservation of the Queen's Person.

18 November 27 Elizabeth (1584). *Present*—Thomas Appleyard, Mayor, William Hillyard, Recorder, 7 Aldermen, 4 of the xxiv.

Assembled in the Common Hall, together with a great nombre of the Commons and other inhabitants of the said Cittie, when and where the Instruments of the associaton for the preservacon of the Quenes most royall person was openlie redd, and ymediatlie after that the Lord Mayor, Aldermen, Sheriffs, xxiiij and others the said Commoners and inhabitants of the said Cittie, did seale and subscribe to the said instrument, and also everye of them did take their oathes upon the holie Evangelist to hold, performe and execute the contents of the said instrument, the trewe copie of whiche instrument and oathe followes in these words, together with one peticon to the right honorable the Earle of Huntington and President in the North parties.

The instrument of the Associacon for the preservacon of her Majisties royall person. Dated October 19, 1584.

Forasmuch as Almighty God haith ordaned Kings, Quenes and Princes to have dominion and rule over all their subjects, and to perserve them in the profession and observacion of the trewe Cristion religion according to His holie will and commandements; and in like sort that all subjects shold love, serve and obey their soveragne princes, beyng Kings and Quenes, and to the uttermost of there powers at all tymes to withstand, pursewe and suppress all manner of persons that shall by any meanes intend and attempt (*fo.* 166) any thinge daingeruse or hurtfull to the honor, estate or persons of their soveraignes; therefore we whose names are or shalbe subscribed to this writinge, beinge naturall borne subjects of this

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realme of England, and having so graciuse a Lady our soveraigne Elizabeth, by the ordynance of God, our most rightfull Quene reingninge over us these many yeares with great faelicitye to our inestymable comforth; and fynding of late by diverse deposicons, confessions and sundry advertisements from credible persons out of forrayne partes well knowne to her Majesties Counsell, and dyverse others that for the furthrance and advancement of some pretended titles to the crowne of this realme at hath bene manyfest that the life of our soveraigne Lady Quene Elizabeth hath bene most traterusly and devilishly sought, and the same folowed most daingerusly to the perill of her person (if Almighty God her perpetuall Defender, of His mercye, had not releved and withstode the same) by whose life we and all other her Majesties trewe and loyale subjects doe enjoye an inestimable benefitte of peace in this land; do for the reasons and causes above alledged, acknowledge our selves most justly bound with our bodyes, lifes, lands and goodes in her defence and for her saiftie to withstand, pursue and suppress all suche mischevous persons, and all others her enemyes of what nacon, condicon or degree soever they be, or by what color or title they shall pretend, to be her enemyes or to attempt any harme to her person. But we do also thinke it our most bounden dewtyes for the great benefitt of peace, welthe and godly gouvernement which we have moore plenty fully receyved these many yeares under her Majesties government than our forefathers have done in any longe tyme of any of her progenitors, Kinges of this Realme, to declare and by this writinge make manyfest our loyall and bounden dewtyes to our soverayne Lady for her safty; and to that end we and every one of us (furst calling to wittnesse the holy name of God) do voluntarylie and most willingly bynd our selves, every one of us to the other, joyntly and severally, in the bonde of one firme and loyal societye, and do hearby vowe (*fo. 166b*) and promise before Almightye God that with our whole powers, bodyes, lifs, landes and goods, and with our children and servants, we and everye of us will faithfully serve and humblye obeye our said soverayn Lady, Queene Elizabeth agaynst all estats, dignityes and earthly powers whatsoever, and will as well with our joynte as particular forces duringe our lives withstand and pursue as well all manner of persons, of what estate soever they shalbe and their abbetters, that shall attempte by any acte, counsell or consent to any thinge that shall tend to the harme of her Majesties royall person, and we shall never desiste from all manner of forcible pursute agaynste suche persons to thuttermoste exterminacon of them, their counsellors, their ayders and abbetters; and if any suche wicked attempt agaynst hir Majesties most royall person shalbe taken in hand or procured, whereby any that have, may or shall pretend tytle to come to the crowne by the untymly death of her Majestie, so wickedly procured (whiche God for his mercyes sake forbid), may be advanced, we doe not onely

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vowe and bynd ourselves, both joyntly and severally, never to allowe, accepte or favoure any suche pretended successor, by whome or for whome any suche detestable acte shalbe attempted or comitted, or any that may any way clame by or from suche person or pretended successor as aforsaid by whome or for whome anye suche detestable acte shalbe attempted or comitted, as unworthye of all gouvernement in anye Christian realme or eyvill society. But also further vowe and protest (as nowe we are moste bound, and that in the presents of the eternall and everlastinge God) to prosecute suche persons to deathe with our (*fo.* 167) joynt and particular forces, and to take the uttermoste revenge of them that by any possible meanes, we or any of us can devise, or cause to be devised and done for their overthrowe and extirpacon. And to the better cororobacon of this our loyall bounde and Associacon we do also testyfie by this writinge—that we doe confirme the contentes therof by our othes corporally taken upon the Holy Evangelist, and with this expresse condicon—that no one of us shall, for any respecte of person or cause or for feare, separate our selves from this Associacon or fale in the prosecucon thereof duringe our lifs, upon payne to be by the rest of us prosecuted and suppressed as perjured persons and publique enemies to God, our Quene and native cuntrye; to whiche punyshment and paynes we do voluntarylie submitt ourselves and everye of us without benefitt of any exception to be hereafter chalenged by any of us by any color or pretext. In wittnesse of all whiche premisses to be inviolably kepte, we doe to this writing put our handes and seales, and shalbe most redy to accept and admitt any othes hereafter to this societie and Association.

fo. 167.

The Oath.

I, A.B. shall duringe my lif, by all possible meanes thet I canne, to the uttermost of my power hold, performe and execute the contents of the instrument of the associacon for the preservacion of the person of my soveraigne lady Quene Elizabeth; dated the 19 of October 1584 to which I have subscribed and sealed. So God helpe me.

fo. 167b. To the right honorable Henrye, Erle of Huntynghdon, Lord Presydent of her Majesties Counsell established in the Northe partes, and one of the most honorable Order of the Garter.

May it please your Honor; wheras the writinge or instrument above written hath of late bene published emongst us, whose names ar subscribed, and in great number of others the Citysines of her Majesties Citty of Yorke, to all our great and inestymable comfortes, trustinge that by this most godly associacon of Gods servantes and her Majesties most loyall and faythfull subjectes, the same beinge knowne, shalbe terror both to forreyne enemyes, and trators that shall imagyne any hurt or harme to her Majestie (whom God longe preserve) and a great comforte to all good Christians

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and trewe subjects to our Quene Elizabeth; and dewe consideracon had of the contents thereof emongest us, and fyndinge the same no other than everye good subjecte is bounde to performe, we and the resydewe then present are most desyrouse to become of the said most happye associacon, and for that we knowe not the auctors therof, neyther who may receyve us into the same; and thinking that your Honor both in respecte of your place and callinge, zeale in religion and faythfull service to her Majestie, is eyther one of the princypall members therof, or at the least may procure us to be accepted into the same; we do therefore most humblye beseche your Honor to stand so favorable and good Lord unto us, that we and our Citysins may be receyved into the same; which beinge graunted, we are and shalbe most willinge to (*fo.* 168) bynd our selves to performe the contents therof, by all the said wayes and meanes as by the same instrument it appereth, as others of the said associacon have done heretofore, and thinke our selves most bounden to your Honor. In witnesse that we whose names are underwritten, and also the Commons of the same our Citty, beinge assembled together at our Comon Hall did all together with one consent and voyce desyre the same; we have not onely subscribed our names and setto our seales, but by consent of the said Citizens setto there presents the comon seale of our said Citty at the said Comon Hall the sext of November, 1584.

And there was aboute one thowsand and three hundreth persons, which did seale and subscribe to the said instrument, and did then also take the oath before remembred.

fo. 169. **Letters to be sent to M.P.s and Sir James Croft
about concealed lands.**

24 Novembre 26 Elizabeth (1584). *Present*—Thomas Appleyard, Mayor, William Hillyard, Recorder, 8 Aldermen, 6 of the xxiv.

Agreed that a lettre shalbe written to the Burgesses, and one other letter to Sir James Crofte, as towchinge the consealed landes within this Citty, and that upon a deputacon and a comission obtayned, and securitye mayde for the obtayninge of the saide landes, this Corporacon shall paye C^{li} to Sir James Croft, and xx^{li} to Mr. Mapleton; and the Burgesses to deale therin.

Agreed that the Chamberlanes shall forthwith bye xviiij grene quishings to be and remayne in this courte for the xxiiij of this howse.

(*fo.* 169b). Right honorable; we have receyved your honors letters, wherby we do understand your great good will, which your honor beareth to the Citty of Yorke; wherfore we gyve your honor most humble thanks; according to the tenor wherof we have compounded with Mr. Henry Mappleton, your servant, for all such concealed landes, as shalbe found within this Citty of Yorke and

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the Ainstie of the said cittie, for the some of one hundrethe pounds to be paid for the same; and althoughe we have founde bothe sundry lettres and other good and sufficient matters for the dischardge of the greatest and cheifest things supposed by your honors servants to be consealed, yet both for quietnes of our citzens, and to have your honors frendlie and honourable favour, we have thought good to compound as is aforesaid; and have appoynted Mr. William Robinson and Mr. Robert Brook, Aldermen of our Cittie and Burgesses of the Parliament, to attend upon your honor for the finishing therof; who upon your honors deputacon graunted to such as they shall name, not to be revoked, and so that onely they shall deale for the lands within the said Cittie and Ainstie; and also a comission obtained accordingle shall take suche order for the paiment of the said somme of one hundreth pounds, as we hope shalbe to your honors contentment, trusting hereafter of your honors honorable countenance and friendshipp in passinge such patents as shalbe requisite for suche lands as we shall fynd concealed within the said Cittie and Ainstie. And thus presuming of your honors freindly favour herein, we do most humblie take our leave your honors most loving frends.

York,

26 November, 1584.

Thomas Appleyard, Mayor.

Robert Maskew, Auditor.

To the right honourable Sir James Croft, Knight, comptroyler of her Majesties howshold, and one of her Majesties most honorable Privye Counsell, deliver these.

fo. 170b.

Letter and Instructions to M.P.'s.

After our hartie commendacons; theis are to lett you understand that we have compounded with Mr. Mappleton for suche landes we we canne fynde concealed within the Cittye of Yorke and Ainstie; and Sir James Crofte, Knight, is to have for the same Cli upon a deputacon graunted to suche persons as we shall name, and allso one commission accordingle for the fynding of the saide landes, as by the copies of our lettre therof mayde to the sayde Sir James, the copie wherof we send you here enclosed more at lardge appeareth; therefore we are to desyer you, with suche spede as you can conveniently, to make your repaire to the sayde Sir James Crofte, Knight, and to conferre with his honour touchinge the premisses; and upon his deputacon graunted and finished to suche persons as are named in certaine instructions hereinclosed to their owne uses; and like wise his commission for the fyndinge of the sayde landes, to paye to the sayde Sir James the sayde Cli. And also we require you to take order for the Cli for the late chauntrye landes, accordinge to your former instructions, and at youre retorne we shalbe redye to paye or otherwise to dischardge you of all suche sommes as by you shalbe dispensed or provided for towching the

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premisses. And thus trusting that you will not faile with effecte to prosecute the premisses, we do commit you to the merciful tuicon of the Almightye.

Yorke, this xxxth of November, 1584.

fo. 171.

Instructions to M.P.s.

First, to make their repaire to Sir James Crofte, Knight, and to conferre with his honor towching deputacon and commission to be graunted for the concealed lands.

Item to get the deputacon to Robert Asquith, Cristofor Maltby and Andrewe Trewe, Aldermen, to have the said lands to their owne uses.

Item to obtane the commission in the names of Thomas Appleyard, esquier, Alderman, William Hillyard, esquier, Cristofor Harbert, Robert Maskewe, Thomas Harrison, Heughe Graves, William Robinson, Robert Brooke, Henry May, Raulf Richardson, esquiers, Aldermen James Birkbie, Thomas Jakson, John Standeven and Robert Mawde gents; wherof six to be of the quorum for finding of the said land during the space of three yeares.

Item to take up or borowe at interest as reasonable as they can for one yeare CC^{li}; to paie to Sir James Crofte for the premisess C^{li}, and thother C^{li} to be paid for the lease to Mr. Morley; and for the L^{li} it to be borrowed of some clothiers and the same shalbe paid at their retorne.

Item to bring one writ of attendance *vic-civitatis Ebor* for the said commission and for the charges for writing and finishing the premisses, the said Burgesses are to dispense.

Item to make searches for one private Act which passed 27 or 37 *Henrici Octavi*, towching the sale of chantries founded on Owsbridge, for that it appereth by the recordes of Yorke that such an act shold be exemplified; wherin we also pray you effectuellie to search and to get the copie.

Item that there may be but xij kilnes in Yorke to be appoynted by the Lord Maior and Aldermen.

Item to learne if the Recorder or Aldermen of London in what sort they do barre straungers for not occupieng within their Cittie.

Item to procure a commission from Mr. Morley to set furth such lands as shall passe by lease.

fo. 172b.

Letter from the M.P.s.

Right honourable my Lord Maior, with our hartye commendacions unto your Lordshipp with the reste, wishing you all health in the Lord etc.; theis fewe wordes are to signifie unto you that the letter subscribed by your Lordshipp, Mr. Asquith and Mr. Trewe, together with the copie of a letter sente to Sir James Crofte, a

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letter underwritten by your Lordshipp consarning the malt kyllnes, and other matters, with a nott of instructions we have receaved by the bearer hereof. But for our proceedinges we have nott done muche to wrytt unto you, for the tyme faillethe so furthe, that those we have to doo withall is of the Parliament howse, and the dayes so verye shorte and so manye bills put to comityes that little is yett done. Their is but iij bylles passed in the Lower Howse yett; and one is for keping more reverentlie the Sabboth daye; an other is for making clothe in two tounes in Essex; and the therde is that herryngs may be transported to beyonde the seas without paiinge of custome. We have put a bill in to the Parliament for bringinge in of fishe and herrings, but it is comytted and we dowl it will hardly passe. Also we have drawne a charter by learned Counsell but yett it is not fynished; and for Mr. Morley, he is of the Parliament howse, and my Lord Treasurer is secke and keepethe his chamber; so that we canne make no ende with them. And for Sir James Crofte, we have spoken with him, but his affaires is suche that he canne not attende to conferre or talk with us theis two or three dayes, and much further then the premisses we have not proceded, but we shall, God willinge, doo our endeavour further. We have receyved here at London of one Henry Dighton 40^{li} to be payde at Yorke to Anthonye Hyrste of Hallyfax by Mr. Chistofer Maltbie, which we praye maye be payde at the sight. And thus for this tyme we sease; committing yowe to the protection of the Allmightie God, who preserve your Lordshippe to His good pleasure. London the ixth daye of December, 1584.

Your L. assured

{ William Robinson, Ald.
 { Robert Brooke, Ald.

fo. 173.**Letter to the M.P.s.**

After my hartie comendacons; I have receyved your lettres, wherby I doe understand that Sir James Crofte will not deale according to your instruccons. I therefore desyer you to repare to him agayne and to lett him understand that I and my Bretheren maid a generall composicion with Mr. Mappleton for all concealed lands within the Cittie and Ainstie, whiche were not then alreddie found and certified, who had sufficient auctority from Sir James. And also Sir James did writ his lettres to me that he wold performe all suche composicon and agreement as Mappleton shall make with me and my Brethren towching the premisses; and to desyre him that according to your former instruccons he will passe all the concealed lands within the Cittie and Ainstie. And if you cannot obtain the same according to your instruccons then you may peruse this lettre herein closed, and seale it upp,* and deliver it within two or three dayes after that you have talked with him. And for any learned Counsell you nede not retaine in this matter, onlesse it be about the perfecting of writings according to your former instruccons. And

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herein I pray you to be carefull, as no doubt you will, and to gyve Sir James to understand that I and my Brethren did nothing but according to such auctoritie as Mr. Mappleton had from him, and that I receyved his lettres to that effect.

Your loving frend,
Thomas Appleyard, Maior.

fo. 173. **Letter enclosed to Sir James Croft**

Right honorable; wheras we understand by Mr. William Robinson and Robert Brooke, two of our Aldermen, that your honor doth not like of your composicon maid by us with your deputie and servant Henry Mappleton, for the concealments within the Cittie of York and the Ainstie, neyther willing we shold have the benifitt of more then belongeth to our corporacons and companyes; we therefore thought good eftsons to writ to your honour to desyre the same, that we may have the benefitt according to our agrement, for as there was much lands belonging to monestaries, churches, fraternities, gildes and chauntries within the Cittie, so hath eyther all or the moste parte bene heartofore fownd and grannted by Letters Patents, so that we trust there is not much lands to intitle her Majestie unto, yet for quietnes of our Cittie, and avoyding of chardges, expenses and troble, and withall to have assumed some smal ———, as are perhaps to be found, and to have your honour our honourable frend, we thought good to compound greatlie for all and (*fo* 173b) we were the rather imboldenyd and willing to compound with the said Mappleton, for that your honor had besyd the deputacon auctorished him by your honours lettres to compound, and go thorowe with us, and also written to the Lord Maior to that effect, which we have done accordinglie, and therefore most humblye crave at your honours hands the same our composicion maid with him, being auctorished by your honour, may stand; and that we may in this as others our lawful causes have your honourable countenance and frendshipp; and we shall rest redy to be at your comandment. Thus commyttinge your honour to the tuicon of the Almightye we comyt you to God. York xxiiij of December 1584.

Your honors loving friends, Thomas Appleyard, Maior, William Hillyard, and Christofer Maltbie, Aldermen.

Letter from the M.P.s

Honorable my Lord Maior, with our hartie remembrans to your Lordshipp and the rest, etc.; these fewe wordes are to signifie unto you that we have spoken with Sir James Croft two tymes, but we can com to no end with him, for he will not agree that we shall have any more land than that which belongeth to the Cittie and other companies or corporacons; but he will not passe any land that belongeth to any particuler man or to any church; so that he will

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not deale according to your letter and instrucccons; for we think Mr. Wayt hath persuaded him to the contrarye; notwithstanding we doe meane to talke with him agayne and have some learned counsell with us; but it was very evell that you did not indent your bargayne in articles and had them subscribed by Mr. Mappleton, for we doubt he will not performe this bargayne so ample as you have written but it were very well that if Mr. Mappleton be at York at the resayt hearoff, then it were good to conclude with him, and send up your agreement with the post; for it is possible you may have it conveyed by the post with my Lord President letters. The Parliament is thought to be proroged before Christenmasse for a (*fo.* 174) short tyme, so that we can-not tell how longe we ahal abid at London; but we wold do that which is possible, for it shall want no good will in us. And thus in hast we comytt your Lordshipp to the proteccion of the Allmightie God, who kepe you to His good pleasure. London, the 14 of December, 1584.

Yours assured { William Robinson, Ald.
 { Robert Brooke, Ald.

fo. 180. **Report on the state of the Guild hall**

27 January 27 Elizabeth (1584-5).

A vewe maid at the Common Hall by the Wardens and others the xviiijth day of January (27 Elizabeth).

First we do fynde that the lead above the hall is in great decaye, and hath nede of the plomer and the tyler, for that muche leade is cutt from the walles that watter cometh downe betwixt the lead and the wall.

Item that the lead above the chamber now newlie repared is in very great decaye, soe that if the leade be not presentlie repared the roffe will fall downe.

Item that there wold be a good locke and a keye for the doore that goethe to the leades, and the same kepte in the chamber for the Chamberlaynes, least the lead be stolne, as hathe bene heretofore cutt awaye by them that hath had recourse to the leades.

Item that the keyes of both the chambers be kept by the officer, and no persone or persons to have recourse into them, but onelie at common assembles, when my Lord Maior and Bretheren or the Counsell is theire, and that the officer have a chardge to shitt the windowes least the winde breake them.

Item for the Comon Hall and the sellor under it that Mr. Colthurst may have them and use them accordinge to your Lordshippes and Brethren direccon.

Item that wheras ther is a howse adjoyninge to the Common Hall and is buylded of it selfe upon the Cittie wayst or layne, in the occupacon of Mr. Kitchinge, it is the howse the prisoners is put into at the Assises, which howse belongethe (*fo.* 180b) to the Comon Hall, but what rent he payethe for it we knowe not, but he hath maid a

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doore into his owne grownd, so that in tyme he will challenge the same for his owne inheritance. Therefore the doore wold be maid upp, and if any have the occupacon of it that they may come throughe the Comon Hall as Mr. Aynelie did when he had it in occupacon.

Item that wheras ther was a lardge layne or wayst, beinge alonge the Comon Hall, belonginge to the same Hall, betwixt the Hall and the freares¹ for setting upp of styes² for the reparinge of the Hall, when it needed, as appeareth by a doore which went forthe of the Common Hall into the same layne or waste, which now the said Mr. Kitchinge hath now taken and uses as his owne freholde without rent painge to our knowledge; therefore we do think it were good that he shold knowe his owne and the Cittie theires, or in tyme he will challenge the whol grownd.

Item ther is a buttres of the Common Hall takene downe, and the stones caryed away, which is a great defaysinge and a decaye unto the walle; and also an other buttres, all the side of it is hewen awaye for the inlardginge of the waye betwixt Mr. Kitchinge garthinge and the buttres; and also a windowe of the Comon Hall is stopped up; we suppose this to be done by Mr. Kitchinge; and also the spowtes endes is stopped, and the watter cometh out of the sides of the spowtes and falleth of the walles.

(fo. 181). Item that Mr. Kitchinge hath buylded over the Comon layne two or three out shottes and of them hath there foundacon upon the grownd in the layen, and payeth no rent for them to our knowledge.

The Wardens and others appoynted for the secound survey of the Comon Hall think that the Cittie ought to have the howse called the buttry and the brede therof from the end of the said howse or buttry to the corner of the kitching, now in occupacon of John Addison, and more towards the streat, beinge in breed xvj fowt or ther about, and in lengthe about three and thirtie yeardes besides the lengthe of the said buttry, and a space betwixt the said howse and the chamber now repared of the same breadthe.

fo. 184. **Letter to the M.P.s. City Preacher.**

8 February 27 Elizabeth (1584-5).

To the worshipfull Mr. William Robinson and Mr. Robert Brook, Aldermen of the Cittie of Yorke.

After our hartye comendacons; we desier you to take some paynes to enquire and provide for this Cittie one learned and sufficient preacher; and that you sometyme repare to Mr. Cheeke, whose ayde and furtherance we have requested, towching the same, and if suche preacher shall doubte his likinge here in the countrie we shall reasonably consider of his paynes and travell with friendship, and then he upon suche cause to departe at his pleasure; for the fee

¹ The House of the Augustine Friars.

² Styes and Scaffolds.

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you are well acquainted withall. We most earnestlie desire you to be carefull herein, soo that a grave, learned and godlie man wilbe both comfortable for our sowles and greate commendacons to us all, in providing him. And thus havinge no other thinge wherewithall to troble you, we bid you faire well in the Almightye God.

Your lovinge frends,

Andrewe Trewe, Maior.

Cristofer Harberte } Aldermen.
Thomas Appleyard }

Post script: We praye you p̄ruse this lettre here inclosed, and seale the same and cause it to be delivered to Mr. Cheeke.

(fo. 184b). To the right worshipfull Mr. Henrye Cheek, esquier, one of her Majesties honorable Counsell establishede in the Northe parties; deliver these.

Right worshipfull, after our hartye commendacons; whereas the Cittie of York, at this present, is distitute of a preacher, and wheras we are carefull to gett suche a one as is learned; we doo therfore most hartelie desire you, that like as you have bene alwayes frindlie and favorable towards us and the cittizens of the siad Cittie, that we may nowe have your frindshipp and furtherance emongst your acquaintenaunce to be a meane we may be the rather well spedde of suche one as is learned and sufficient for that place, which we referr to your good discretion. His stipend we allowe is xli^{li} yearlie, and his borde. We have requested Mr. Alderman Robinson and Mr. Alderman Brooke to attend on your worshipp touchinge the same, who shall further instructe your Honor. And thus presuminge of your Worshippes good helpe geven, we doo betake you to the tuicon of the Almightye. Yorke, this viijth of February, 1584.

Your Worshippes most lovinge frendes,

Andrewe Trewe, Maior,

Cristofer Harbarte and Thomas Appleyarde, Aldermen.

fo. 186.

Sea Fish is scarce and expensive.

The copie of a certayne note delivered to my Lord President, the sextenthe of Februarye, 1584.

Wheras heretofore the marchants of Yorke, Hull, Newcastle, Lynne and Bōston with other creekes and havens of the North parte were accustomed to bringe into the North partes of this realme great quantity of staple fishe, lings and coddys, every yeare to the valewe of three hundrethe thowsande and more from the parties beyonde the seas viz from Holland, Fres-land, Shetland, Hambrough, Breme and other parts; and also great quantitie of salted herings from Sellande, Hollande, Malstrande and Scotlande, to the number of xv or xx hundrethe last or more every yeare; wherby all the North

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partes of this realme, viz. Lincolnshier, Nottinghamshier, Darbyshier, Lancershier, Yorkshier, Bishopprieke of Duresme, Northumberlande, Westmerlande, Cumberland, and a great part of Lankishier were served at a reasonable price, that is; lings, which were at iij^{li} or nere ther abouts the hundrethe, the like therof is not now to be had for v^{li}; staple fishe for l^s or fower markes the hundrethe, the like wherof is not now to be had for iiij^{li} vj^s viij^d; and whit salted herings sold comonly for xiijs iiij^d or xv^s the barrell, and is now derer then xvij^s and xx^s; and no quantitie to be had to serve these North partes withall, by reason men are restreaned from the bringinge of any the said fishe and herings into the said North partes, as they have bene alwayes accustomed to doe. The experience of this skarcitie was very well sene in these North partes this last yeare, and is like to be much more this yeare, (*fo.* 186b) and especially emongst the poore sort of people, which is not able to make provision for victualls aforehand, which is thought to be reason of a Statute maid in the xxij yeare of her Majesties reigne agaynst the bringinge into this realme of such salted fishe and herings.

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fo. 2b.**Councillors to be punctual at Meetings.**

8 February 27 Elizabeth (1584-5). *Present*—Andrew Trewe, Mayor, William Hillyard, Recorder, 5 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 5 of the xxiv.

Agreed that everye one of this House shall frome henceforthe keepe their houre in this House at eight of the clocke in the morninge, upon payne of everye one that shall make defaulte, beinge warned, havinge no resonable excuse, shall paye as followethe, viz., everye one that comethe within halfe an houre after eight of the clocke ij^d; and everye one that comethe anye tyme of that daye the Courte sittinge to paye iiij^d; and everye one whiche comethe not at all the same daye to paye viij^d; and if the persones so makinge defaulte, shall make defaulte after that, than they to paye so ofte double.

fo. 3. **Gift of a silver pot. Plate to be engravd with names of donors. Chains and badges of the waits.**

17 February 27 Elizabeth (1584-5). *Present*—Andrew Trewe, Mayor, 5 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 6 of the xxiv.

And nowe a sylver pott, doble gilt, *pond* xiiij unces, was brought in and delyvered; which pott is of the bequest of Mr. Christopher Maltbye, late Alderman deceased, to the Maior and Comonaltie of this Cittie, whiche is nowe agreed upon to remayne with my L. Maior duringe his maioraltie as other plate belonginge to this Corporation dothe.

And yt ys nowe further agreed that as well the sayde sylver pott as all other the plate which was geven by Mr. William Tankarde,

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late Recorder, and Mr. John Dynelaye, late Alderman, deceased, shalbe severallie marked and engraven with letters for the names of everye of the sayde persones which gave the same.

And nowe Thomas Turner, goldsmithe, dyd exhibitt a bill for newe florishinge and trimminge of the scutchons and chynes belonginge to the iiij waytes of this Cittie, amountinge to the somme of xxix^s iiij^d.

Agreed that the L. Maior and Chamberlaynes shall paye to the sayde Thomas somuche of the sayde xxix^s iiij^d as he shall thynke good.

The Lord Mayor is displeased with the M.P.s.

To the worshipfull Mr. William Robinson and Mr. Robert Brooke, Aldermen of the Cittie of Yorke.

After my heartie comendacons; I have receyved your letters by Mr. Belt, by whiche you do not imparte, nor make me acquainted with anie thing passed or like to passe, nor anie newes of anie great importance. But in considering of your lettres I cannot well tell what to thinke, for that you write severallie, and in one lettre more shewed and imparted then in the other, which severall writing maketh me thinke, that eyther their is some great disagreement betwene you, orels you thinke I am not worthie to be partaker of your newes and proceadings; and by that meanes you will not joyne to write together. But whatsoever you thinke I cannot thinke well of your severall writing; and not I alone but the rest of my Bretheren doth the same; whiche thing I wold not wishe to be so, for if you do not agree together I and my Bretheren shall have small hoope that you will obtane your sewtes and causes that you go about for this Cittie. But I omit that, hoping that you are so wise that you will not disagree, but be carefull for the comon welthe of your (*fo. 4*) Country and causes of this Cittie as you are put in trust. And for the obtaining of a chartre for a fare, and as towching kilnes, according to your instructions, if you obtane any suche charter, I and my Bretheren wold have you to get these wordes following in the same and to make sewte for them as you shall best devise, viz.; that the Lord Maior and Aldermen of the Cittie of Yorke for the tyme being shall have auctoritie to make and ordayne lawes, statutes and ordinances for the good ordering and government of the said Cittie and all the inhabitants within the same, and to asseesse and set panes and sommes of money upon suche the said inhabitants as shall breake or not observe and performe the same, and to levie the same by distresse or other lawfull wayes or meanes as the said Lord Maior and Aldermen for the tyme beinge shall think meete and convenient, so that the said lawes, statutes and ordinaunces be not contrary to the lawes and statuts of the Realm. (*fo. 4b*). And as touching the xxiiij and my Bretheren, I and my Bretheren wold not have you to deale therein at all but to let the

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eleccon remane as it doth. And thus wishing you health and good successe in your affares, I do betake you to the tuicon of the Almightye. Yorke, this 20 of February 1584.

Your most loving frend
Andrew Trewe, Mayor.

fo. 4b. **Proposed progress of the Queen in the North.**

York brewers' promises. Prices of corn, hops and wood.

15 March, 1584/5.

The names of brewers, and what they can serve weekelie towardses the Queenes Majesties provision.

Georg Goodyere 10 tonne wekelie bere.

Peter Collinsson 10 tonne wekelie bere.

William Gilminge 8 tonne wekelie bere.

John Pinder 10 tonne wekelie either ale or bere.

John Jackson 8 tonne wekelie bere.

Thomas Ashquithe 10 tonne wekelie ayther ale or bere.

Ambrose Awne 8 tonne wekely bere.

John Smith 10 tonne wekely eyther ale or bere.

These abovesaid will serve bere for xxx^s the tonne and ale for xxxvj^s the tonne.

Prices of corne and wodd.

Malt the best at xj^s the quarter.

Wheat the best at xx^s the quarter.

Oates the best at vj^s viij^d the quarter.

Wodd.

Oake wodd at iij^s iiij^d the load.

Hoppes.

Hoppes at xxxiiij^s iiij^d the hundrethe.

(*fo. 5*). To all and singular her Majesties Justices of Peace, Maiors and Sheriffs, Baliffs, Constable, and all others her Highnes officers, to whom it shall appertane.

Wheras her Majestie intendinge this next sommer to make her progresse unto York, and for that such necessary provisions as are needfull agaynst her Highnes commyng into those partes cannot be mayd from the Cittie of London; but to be provided in the countrie in such townes and places as are most convenient for the same; we have therefore appoynted the bearer hereof Roderick Powell, her Majesties purveior of ale and bere, together with her Highnes comyssion as well to vewe the state of the countries, wherby it may be knowne how her Majestie may best be served, as also to appoynt brewers, brew houses and to make staye of all kindes of provision

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and other necessities, as he shall thinke mete for brewinge, viz.; small hoppes, hoopess, clap board, emptie casks, etc.; and if at the present yow shall not fynde all such things as shalbe needfull for that service; that then you doe cause all such necessary provisions as hereafter shall come to be stayed untill her Highnes comynge thither, or that you here further from us againe to the contrary. Wherof we pray you not to fale, requiring you and every of yow to aid and assiste this bearer in the execucon of the said service in the execucon of the said service—From the Court, the last of February 1584.

R. Leyciter
F. Knollys
James Weste.

fo. 6b. **Failure to provide post horses. Alderman to be elected.**

Inspection of poor. Repeal of former resolution of Council.

28 March, 1585.—*Present.* Andrew Trewe, Mayor, William Hillyard, Recorder, 7 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 5 of the xxiv.

Agreed that certayne of this Courte, viz.: Mr. Maye, Alderman, Mr. Birkbie, Mr. Jackson, Christopher Beckwithe and John Standeven, whiche dyd not provyde post horses for the Ladye Huntington at her last departure forthe of this Cittye shall everye one of them paye ijs for a fyne.

(*fo. 7*). Agreed that to morowe the Commons shalbe warned to meete at the Comon Hall for the elecon of an Alderman in the place of Mr. Christofer Maltbye, Alderman, late deceased, who dyed the seconde of Februarye 1584.

Agreed that the poore of this Cittye shalbe vewed on mondaye and wednesdaye in the Passion weeke nexte.

And nowe wheras the fourthe daye of Januarye, 23 Elizabeth, an order was mayde that if anye attorneyes before the Lord Presydente and Counsell, or anye Proctors of the Spirituall Courte beinge free Cittezens of this Cittye, shall chaunce at anye tyme hereafter to be electe Alderman of the same, shall not at anye tyme frome thencefourth use or exercyse anye their sayde offices of Attornysships or Proctors in anye Courte upon payne of forfeiture of suche somme of money and suche punyshments as my Lorde Maior and Aldermen shall assesse. Now upon good consideracon of the saide Acte it is fullie agreed that the sayde former Acte shalbe from henceforth repealed, revoked and mayde voyde, anye thinge in the same former Acte conteyned to the contrarye in anye wise not withstandinge.

fo. 7b.

The intended visit of the Queen.

To our lovinge frends the L. Maior of the Cittie of Yorke and to the rest of his bretheren Aldermen of the same.

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After our hartie commendacons; the Queenes Majestie intendinge this nexte somer to make her progress unto Yorke, and by reason of the farre distance of the same frome the Cittye of London, that provisions cannot be caried withoute greate troble to the contrie and hindrance to her Majesties service; and for as muche as we are given to understand that thar comethe yearelye to the Cittye of Yorke good store of wyne which will serve for the expence of her Majesties house; we have therfore for the ease of her Highnes subjects to commission John Domelowe to repaire unto the said Cittye and by vertue theirow to make staie, and marke all suche wyne, as he shall fynd meete for the expenses of her Majesties house agaynst her Highnes comminge thether. And if their be not alredye some suche wyne as are meete for her Majestie, that you doo cause suche wyne as before that tyme shall come to be staiede and kepte in your stoorehouse untill her Highnes comminge, or that you here further frome us againe to the contrarye. Requiringe you, and everye of you, to ayde and assist her Majesties purveyor in the execucon of the sayde service, wherof we praye you not to faile. Frome the Courte the last of Februarye 1584.

R. Leycester

F. Knollys.

fo. 8. **Letter from Sir James Croft about Chantry lands.**

To my verie lovinge frend the Lorde Maior of the Cittie of York.

After my hartie comendacons to your good L., the same shall understande that I have sundrye tymes hadd conferens with your Burgesses of a composicon taken by my servant, Mapleton, with your L., who telleth me that he was fullye perswaded that dyvers Chauntries, whiche are in your possessions to the use (as your Burgesses saye) of the Cyttye were not concealed, the whiche caused him to yeilde to suche a compotition as he hath done; wherupon I perceve your Burgesses here doo relie as I thinke, and as I have bene enformed by my Learned Counsell that your Cytie is not so good as yt was taken to be; the whiche not beinge good I suppose your L. will not seme to take souche an advantage upon this composition, as so muche shal prejudishe the Quene and be my hinderaunce. But I thinke when you have advisadlye considered of your estayts you will yeilde to that whiche in dewtye to her Majestie you ought, and to me that intendethe not your harme but your good, some reasonable benefite with quiet. My servaunt haith informed me that yt was promysed him that if their mought be landes founde within the Cittie and the Countie therof that woulde surmounte the value of one hundreth poundes I should be aunswered for the same some resonable recompence, whiche beinge so I shalbe contente to doo you the good I canne; my price, if I be not put to chardge in lawe, wilbe resonable; but if you enforce me to lawe, and

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after we shall have a composition the price wilbe the greater; and for that you shall well perceave I meane not to contende in lawe, if I be not their unto compelled, I do mene (*fo.* 8b) to reserve the hearinge of the cause to my Lorde Presidente, whose sensure upon the openinge and full hearinge theirow I will abyde, for with purpose I meane to sende some one, instructed to open the Quenes tytle which beinge herde, I will, if you so thinke good, take ende with you for suche thinges as appertayneth to the Cittye onelye. Thus I commytt your L. to the tuission of the Almightye. At the Courte this viijth of Marche 1584.

Your L. lovinge frende

James Crofte.

fo. 10. **City preacher. Post horses. Inspection of poor.**

Letter to Sir James Croft.

16 April 27 Elizabeth (1585). *Present*—Andrew Trewe, Mayor, 10 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 10 of the xxiv.

Agreed that Richard Harwood shalbe preacher for this Cittye, and to have fortie poundes for his yearlye fee.

(*fo.* 10b) Agreed that Robert Grainger, sledman, shall have allowed x^s for his fyve horses to PontifRACTE with the Ladye Huntington, her cariadge.

Agreed that preceptes shalbe forthwith mayde to the Wardens of everye warde, fower of the xxiiij, and certayne of the most substanciall Commoners of everye warde, to viewe the pore of everye severall parishe, and they to make the sayde viewe at everye parishe Church, and to take a note of the names, ages, habilities and contynuanee of the same poore, and under whome theye do dwell, and they to make certificate of the premisses.

(*fo.* 11b). To the right honorable Sir James Croft, Knight, Comptrooler of her Majesties howsehold, and one of her Majesties Prevy Counsell.

My dewtye to your Honor remembred; I have receyved your honourable letter, dated the viijth of Marche 1584, towching the composicon maid with mayster Mappleton for concealments, for which your most honorable offer I and my Bretheren thinke ourselves most bounden to your Honor; and doo most willinglye yeild to the same. Before we compounded with your Honors said deputie he was auctorished Honors deede (*sic*), and also had your lettres to the effecte that such composicon as he mayd should be performed, whiche maid us more willinge to agree. I and my Bretheren thinke we are to give your Honor more than we shall reape in profit; yett trustinge of your Honors frendshipp, and to rest qyett from all other your deputys and officers, we are most willinge to satisfye the same for the Chauntries, we thinke seaven of them dischargd by the Statute, and for the other two her Majesties is yearlie answered. I and my Bretheren expected some to have bene here with the

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Lord President towchinge those causes according to your Honor lettres, and for that none came I and my Bretheren thought good to desire your Honor that we may have the deputacon and commission for our Cittye and Aynstye of the Cittye, accordinge to the agreement, and suche order that we maye be dischargd for other your officers, (*fo.* 12) for that some of them have in the West Rydinge of Yorkshire gone about to fynd lands within the Cyttie, which we thinke contrary to your mynd, and soe we may be trobled notwithstanding the composicon; and although all things passe accordinge to the agreement we shall be readye that the Lord President shall have hearinge of the matter, for we thinke we have delte very well and lybrerally with your deputye. And suche as goe about to staye the same are better acquaynted with informinge of great things then bringing small things to passe; and soe your Honor shall fynde them. Your Honor shall fynde us reasonable and alwayes readye as occasion serveth to rest at your commaundement. And therefore I most humblye beseeche your Honor to lett all things proceed according to the composicon for lose of tyme may be hynderance to us, and be cause of some troble, which we seek to eschewe. Thus trustinge of your Ho favorable dealinge towards this Cittie, I most humblye cease your Ho further troble. From York the . . .¹

fo. 12b. **Queen's tax to be levied. Concealed lands.**

28 April 27 Elizabeth (1585). *Present*—Andrew Trewe, Mayor, William Hillyard, Recorder, 8 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 6 of the xxiv.

Agreed that the first wholl taxe shalbe levied for this Cittye to the Quens use.

(*fo.* 13). Agreed that my L. Maior, Mr. William Robinson, Mr. Asquith, Mr. Appleyard and Mr. Birkbye, Aldermen, and Mr. Thomas Nelson shall conferre and make composicon with Mr. Birkhead, Mr. Hillyard and Mr. Bethell or anye two of them; and allso with John Henrye Mapleton, Roger Younge and Charles Wharton, servaunts to Sir James Crofte, Knight, for and as towchinge the concealed landes.

And nowe a lettre from Sir James Crofte, Knight, to my L. Maior and Aldermen directed was redd; the effecte whereof hereafter followeth.²

fo. 16. **Cell for prisoners. Concealed lands.**

19 May 27 Elizabeth (1585). *Present*—Andrew Trewe, Mayor, William Hillyard, Recorder, 5 Aldermen, 2 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that Mr. Asquithe, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Appleyarde, Mr. Maye and Mr. Birkbie, Aldermen, Mr. Lawrence Robinson and

¹ Undated and unsigned.

² This letter has been copied into the House Book on folios 11b and 12.

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Mr. Christofer Beckwith, vij or vj or 4 of them shall with all speed possible goo and viewe the chambers in the chapell¹ to thentente that order maye be taken that the sayde chambers maye be mayde for more straite keepinge of the presoners their and to alter the buildinges of the same chambers at their discretion.

(fo. 16b). And wheras their haith bene latelye conference betwene Mr. Robt. Asquith, Mr. William Robinson, Mr. Thomas Appleyarde and Mr. James Birkbye, Aldermen, on the Citties behalfe and John Husseye, Henrie Mappleton and Roger Younge, gentlemen, on the behalfe of the right honorable Sir James Crofte, Knight, concerninge certaine obites and chauntries, affirmed by the saide John Husseye and Henrie Mappleton to be concealed from her Majestie within the Cittie; it is agreed that the sayde, John, Henrie and Roger shall have x^{li} payde them in consideracion of their paynes and travell about thoise causes and in consideracion that a former agreemente touchinge a composicon and a deputacon shall proceed.

(fo. 17b). Agreed that William Maskewe and George Fairewether shall yerelie have the commoditie of the cole waynes cominge over Ouse bridge and haith bene accustomed without anye charge theirfore payinge to the Chamber; and that in consideracon their of the sayde William and George shall frome henceforthe yearlye sufficientlye repaire, pave and amende the cawsaye from the far ende and from St. James chappell unto and within Micklithe Barr; and also the causeye in Baggergate from tyme to tyme as ofte as need shall require; soo that the same be first repared of the Cittie chardges.

(fo. 18). Wheras their haith bene conference and talke had betwene Mr. Robert Asquith, Mr. William Robinson, Mr. Thomas Appleyard and Mr. James Byrkbie, Aldermen of the Cittie of Yorke, and appoynted on the behalfe of the sayde Cittie, and John Husseye, Henrie Mappleton and Roger Younge, gentlemen, on the partie and behalfe of the right honorable Sir James Crofte, Knight, one of her Majesties most honorable Previe Counsell, for and concerninge certayne chauntries, obits and other things within the sayde Cittie, and affirmed by the sayde John Husseye, Henrye Mappleton and Roger Younge to be concealed from her Majestie and in the possession of the Cittie or Corporacon of the sayde Cittie of Yorke. Upon longe debaitinge wherof and the alligacons of bothe parties mayde before Andrewe Trewe, Lorde Maior of the sayde Cittie, and William Hilyarde, the Recorder their of; yt was in the ende concluded and agreed betwene the sayde Aldermen, John Hussey, Henrye Mappleton and Roger Younge, that the Lorde Maior and Cittizens should contente and paye to the sayde John Husseye, Henrye Mappleton and Roger Younge the somme of tenne poundes for and towards their chardges and expenses in traveling to the sayde Cittie, for and

¹ St. William's Chapel on Ouse Bridge.

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abowte the sayde cawses, and also for that their dyd appeare no cawse of further recompense or satisfaccon to be mayde by the sayde Lorde Maior and Citezens to the sayde Sir James Crofte for composicon or agremente for concealments within the sayde Cittye and Aynstie then is alredye mayde for the same, on the behalfe of the sayde Cittye with the sayde Henrye Mappleton, that theirfore the sayde composicon to stande, and the Lorde Maior and Cittezens to have one deputacon and commission for and towchinge (*fo.* 18b) concealments within the sayde Cittye and Ainstie, accordinge to the former agreement mayde with the sayde Henrye Mappleton. In witnes wherof to this writinge the sayde Robert Asquithe, William Robinson, Thomas Appleyarde and James Bir(k)bie, John Husseye, Henrye Mappleton and Roger Younge have subscribed their names and sette their seales the xviiijth daye of Maie (27 Elizabeth).

A note delivered by the deputies of Sir James Crofte as followinge: viz. Hospitall of Jesu and our Ladie *juxta* Fossegate relinquished in t. H. the viij tyme; no poore never in yt; no landes as yett knowne, more then the howse, per annum vjs vjd. Yt is nowe converted to a porton of a stipend of vj^{li} xiijs fourepence payde by the misterye of merchaunts.

Capella et cantaria Beatae Annae de Fossbrige—ijs in rent of old times; alia cantaria ibid. ijs vjd in rente of old tyme.

Cantaria Thomas Haxey per annum ijs vjd in rent ex antiquo capellae Sancti Willelmi de Ousebrige et duo cantariae in cadem per annum vs in rent ex antiquo.

Duo cantariae Ornnium Sanctorum in Northstreete vs in redditibus ex antiquo.

Cantaria Sanctae Agnetae super Fossebrige ijs vjd; ultra redditus vjs viij^d.

Alia cantaria Sancti Willelmi de Owsebridge ijs vjd.

Theis chawntreyes were extinguished about anno 28 H. viij, and were then in rents as appeare their noted.

fo. 20. **Arrangements for Midsummer Eve. Rate of wages.**

4 June 27 Elizabeth (1585). *Present*—Andrewe Trewe, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 4 of the xxiv.

Agreed that on Mydsomer even, accordinge to the custome, everye Cittizen, beinge hable men, shall attend on Mr. Sherriffes in their best armor and furniture with their servaunts; upon paine of vjs viij^d.

Agreed that Mr. Grafton shall proceed with one Interlude, which he preferred into this Courte to be examined.

And nowe the rate of the wages of artificers, laborers and servants etc. were assessed, and that the same shall contene as yt was the last yeare.

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fo. 22.**Instructions for Mr. Leonard Belt.**

Instructions for Mr. Leonard Belt, for certayne causes to be donne at London, this Trenitye terme 1585, for the Cittye of Yorke.

Item, to procure two sewerties, some good fellows that will for vs a peece enter bonnde, for the lease of her Majesties lands within the Cittye of Yorke, and what shalbe disbursed for their chardge shall be repayd.

Item, Mr. Belt to request Mr. Metcalfe, Attorneys favor in the Cittyes behalfe to go with him to Mr. Henrye Robinson, and to gett the hundrethe poundes till Cristenmas next beinge then one whole yeare; and then the principall and consideracon shall be thankfullye payde; whiche if Mr. Belt and Mr. Metcalfe cannot do, then Mr. Belt certifie my Lorde Maior therof with as muche speede as he canne.

Item the sayde Mr. Belt to take up at interest c^{li} for one yeare to be payde to Sir James Crofte; and the sayde Mr. Belte and thoise that he shall procure to be suertie for the same shalbe dischardged of the same at his retorne to Yorke; which thinge, if he cannot doo, then he to take up c^{li} of some whiche will be contente to receave the same at Yorke in the ende of this terme.

(*fo.* 22b). Item the sayde Mr. Belte to go thorowe with the deputacon and commission for concealed landes and to gett the same under seale, and the charges theirow shalbe payed to him at his retorne.

Item that Mr. Wigmore, whiche is towardes Sir James Crofte, beinge in credit with Sir James, ys a fitt man to deale for passinge the sayde commission and deputacon; theirfore lett Mr. Belt bestowe fyve markes on him for his ayde therin, at Mr. Belts discretion.

Andrewe Trewe Maior

Robert Maskewe, Hugh Graves, Robert Asquith, William Robinson, Robert Brooke.

A letter to Mr. Heugh Bethell.

After my hartie commendacons. I and my Bretheren do desire you to obtayne a commission to such commissioners as you shall thinke good, as well to viewe the reparacons of her Majesties lands within the Cittie of Yorke, whiche are alredye leased to us, as also to bounder the same with certaine bounders. And whatsoever yow shall disburse for and about the same I and my Bretheren will thankfully repaye, and also think our selves greatly beholden to you, and remaine to do the like pleasur for yow, if happilie we can stande you in steade. We are the rather set forward to procure this (*fo.* 23b) commission by your good meanes for that some of the tenants have pulled downe back howses and laid open her Majesties lands to ther owne, so that her Majesties lands cannot be knowne. We have appoynted Mr. Belt to put you in remembrance concerning

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the premisses. And thus being bold to troble you, and do betake you to the tuicon of the Almightye. York this xiiijth of June 1585.

fo. 23b. **Interlude for Midsummer Eve approved.**

Stations fixed. Other arrangements. A cook's beef-pan.

22 June 27 Elizabeth (1585). *Present*—Andrew Trewe, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 8 of the xxiv.

The Interlude latelie presented by Mr. Grafton, and set over by this Court to be examined, was now openly redd over and perused; and it is agreed that the same shalbe plaid on Midsomer eve next.

It is also agreed that the play shalbe plaid, first, in Miclegate; item at Ousgate hend; item at Mr. Alderman Appleyardes dore; at the Comon Hall; at the Mynster gates; at Mr. Alder. Birkbies dore; item at Mr. Alderman Beckwith dore. Item on the Pavement. And the inhabitants of every place, where the same is plaid to pay iijs iiij^d, excepte the Pavement, which is to pay nothing in respect that the laidies are to be placed at Mr. Alderman Harberts house.¹

(*fo.* 24). Item it is agreed that the Citties callyvers shalbe delivered to the Sheriffes, and to deliver and lend the same to whom they will, and that the said Sheriffs shall stand charged for the redelivery of the same with all their furniture.

It is also agreed that there shalbe xxx pounds of corne powder allowed forth of the Chamber to the inhabitants of this Cittie to be delivered by some of the Chamberlanes.

It is also agreed that Guy Metham shall from henceforth yearelie pay to the occupacon of cookes, at the feast of Saint James the appostle twelve pence, in the name of knowledge money, and he in consideracon therof to use and have a beif pane in his shoppe, whiche thing if he refuse to do, then it is agreed that the said Guy his beif pann shall be taken away, and he no more to use the occupacon of a cooke.

fo. 26b. **Midsummer Eve expenses.**

5 July 27 Elizabeth (1585). *Present*—Andrew Trewe, Maior, 7 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 6 of the xxiv.

Agreed that Mr. Graftons bill of charges amounting to xliijs x^d about certane necessaries bestowed upon the playes, pagiants, shalbe allowed. And also that Mr. Wormall shall have gyven xiijs iiij^d for him self and his boyes; and that Mr. Grafton shall have iijs vijs viij^d allowed for his owne panes.

fo. 29b. **Reward for a Herald. Chantry lands.**

Forced loan from Aldermen.

3 August 27 Elizabeth (1585). *Present*—Andrew Trewe, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 7 of the xxiv.

¹ This house still stands in the Pavement.

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Agreed that one Mr. Flower, one of her Majesties herrolds at armes, shall have six angells for a reward in respect of his office, and for the credit of this Cittie, but the said Mr. Flower was this day departed from this Cittie before the same was paid, so that nothing was paid to him at all.

It is also agreed that certaine comissions and deputacons graunted to this Corporacon concerninge certaine concealed landes and other things shuld be perused by Mr. Recorder, and tymes of the execution therof by his advise to be appoynted.

And wheras an order was set downe in this Court the xxj of Julie 1585, that my Lord Maior and Mr. Recorder shold assesse certaine Aldermen to disburse and lend one hundreth and twentie poundes, to be imployed about the Citties affares, as by the same order appereth; and wheras the said Lord Maior and Mr. Recorder haith assessed these Aldermen to disburse, and lend the same viz. Mr. Alderman Harbert, Mr. Alderman Harrison (*fo.* 30) Mr. Alderman Asquith, Mr. Alderman Robinson, Mr. Alderman Appleyard and Mr. Alderman Birkby, every one of them xx^{li}, which Mr. Asquith, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Appleyard and Mr. Birkby have every one of them paid xx^{li} a peece; which lxxx^{li} is to be repaid by the Chamberlanes to the said fower Aldermen at or before the xx day of January next. And then others of this Court to be assessed for the lending of so much agane. And Mr. Harbert, Alderman, hath lent tenne pounds to this Corporacion for one whole yeare next, to be repaid this daie twelve month to the said Christopher Harbert.

fo. 31.**Disposal of Garbage.**

9 August 27 Elizabeth (1585). *Present*—Andrew Trewe, Mayor, 6 Aldermen.

Agreed that whosoever shall have anie dead caryon shall burye the same in the places hereafter mencioned viz. Mickleth Warde, to burye their caryon in the layne besydes Bowbrige; Walmgait Warde, in the streete without Fishergate; Mounck Warde, at Fosse syde besyde Monkebrigge; and Bowthome Warde, in some owte corner in the Horsefair.

fo. 32b.**Concealed lands.****Letter from the Countess of Huntington.**

20 August 27 Elizabeth (1585). *Present*—Andrew Trewe, Mayor, William Hillyard, Recorder, 7 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 9 of the xxiv.

Agreed that my Lord Maior and other the Quenes commissioners for concealed landes shall meete abowte the same at the Comon Hall on frydaye next at eight of the clocke before none of the same daye, and that the churchwardens and fower honest men of everye parisshe; and also the churchwardens and two honest men

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of every towne, (*fo.* 33) hamlett and parishe of the Ainstye shalbe commaunded to be than and there before the sayde Commissioners; and than also the commission for chauntrie landes to be sytten on, and a precepte to be made to the Sherifes for the retorninge of the jurores.

(*fo.* 37). To my loving frends the L. Maior and Aldermen of the Cittie of Yorke.

Where I am given to understand that there is some determynacon betwene you and the rest of the Aldermen your bretheren to make choise of William Foster to be one of the Sheriffs of this Cittie now at this next elecon, and that he by reason of certain workes which he haith in hands, bothe for the Quene and others, cannot attend such a chardge as that officer is, without the stay of the said workes, I am in this behalfe to desyre your L^s lawfull favour, and the rest of the Aldermen your bretheren, yf chose maye be mayde of some other for that place, and he for some reasonable fyne to be disburthend theirow, which, as I doubt not but by your good meanes and favour maye be procured. So shall I thinke my selfe behouldinge unto you for yt, and be redye to requite your curtesyes in anye sorte that I maye. Thus desyryng to have suche an answeere from you, that I maye have occasion to thanke you for yt. I do hastelye ende, and commytt you to Godes mercifull tuiccon. At Yorke the xvth of September 1585.

Your lovinge frende
H. Huntingdon.

fo. 38. **Man allowed to put off being Sheriff.**

21 September 27 Elizabeth (1585). *Present*—Andrew Trewe, Mayor, William Hillyard, Recorder, 8 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 7 of the xxiv.

Agreed that William Foster, tylor, at the request of the right honourable the Countesse of Huntingdon, by her letter, shalbe dispensed withall and shall be dischargd of thoffice of the Sheriffe of this Cittye for one yeare next cominge onelye.

fo. 39b. **Decision as to who was to be premier Sheriff.**

22 September 27 Elizabeth (1585). *Present*—Andrew Trewe, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 6 of the xxiv.

Rolande Fawcett, taler, and William Gibson, gentleman, elected Sheriffes¹ of this Cittye, dyd appeare in this Courte in their owne persons and some question dyd arise betwene them, whether of them should be first named and sett downe Sherife. And after deliberate examinacon and consideracon of the matter in this Courte, the sayde Sheriffes of themselvcs dyd submitt them selves to the determinacon of the voyces of the Lorde Maior, Aldermen, Sheriffes and Previe Consell of this Cittye and the greater number

¹ Their election took place on 21st September, St. Matthew's Day.

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of them (*fo.* 40). And upon voyces secretlye taken, the sayde Rolande Fawcett ys by most votes elected and chosen to be in the firste place.

fo. 41.

Inspection of Labourers.

6 October 27 Elizabeth (1585). *Present*—Andrew Trewe, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 7 of the xxiv.

Agreed that all the laborers shalbe viewed on Monday next at the Comon Hall before my L. maior and Aldermen, upon payne of everye Alderman and of the xxiiij, which shall make default to forfaite iij^s iiij^d, onelesse he have a reasonable excuse; and the sayde laborers to be than allowed or disallowed, as my Lorde Maior and Aldermen shall thinke good; and further order to be mayd towchinge the sayde laborers.

fo. 42.

Rules for Porters and Labourers.

11 October 27 Elizabeth (1585). *Present*—Andrew Trewe, Mayor, William Hillyard, Recorder, 8 Aldermen, 9 of the xxiv.

Assembled in the Comon Hall; agreed that the laborers, nowe appoynted at staith shalle, before wednesdaye come a sennett, provyde of their owne costs, for everie one of them, one harthen sherte with sleves, and the porters likewise harthen shertes with hoodes, and everye one of them to bringe the sayde shertes to the Bridge to be sealed.

Agreed that suche as are appoynted day taylor laborers shall not intermedle with anye worke at Stayth, neyther shall the laborers at Stayth intermeddle with anye worke belonginge to the day taylor laborers.

fo. 45.

A New Fair. Kilns. A Forced Loan.

Gunpowder for York.

19 October 26 Elizabeth (1585). *Present*—Andrew Trewe, Mayor, William Hillyard, Recorder, 9 Aldermen, 8 of the xxiv.

One paper booke was red as touchinge a chartre to be obtaned as touchinge a faire to be kepte for horse and beasts within this Cittie of Yorke everye seconde thursdaie, from the thursdaye next before Palme Sondaye unto the feast of the birthe of our Lorde God yerelye for ever; and as towchinge the reducinge of the kyllens within this Cittie to the number of fourtene; and as towchinge Actes and Ordynaunces to be mayde by the Lorde Maior, Aldermen and Sheriffes for the good goverment of the cyttizens and inhabitants within the Cittie of Yorke and the suburbes theirow.

(*fo.* 45b). Agreed that Mr. Collyns and Mr. Woodnet, deputies to Sir James Crofte, for the fyndinge out of concealed landes shall have iij^{li} vj^s viij^d geven them, as the gifte of this Corporacon for their good wills towardes this Cittie.

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And yt ys agreed that my L. Maior and Mr. Recorder shall presentlie assesse upon tenne of the Aldermen, Sheriffes, and suche as have bene Sheriffes, the somme of one hundrethe poundes, viz., x^{li} a peece, which somme is to be presentlye payde and disbursed for the Corporacon, and to be sente to London for the causes of this Cittye, upon payne of everye one refusinge to lend the sayde x^{li} to forfaite x^{ls}, to be presentlie payde to this Corporacon. And it is further agreed that the same moneye shall be repayde, to suche persons as shall lend the same, at the end of sex months next ensewinge.

(*fo. 46*). And nowe was redd one lettre which came from my Lorde Presidente as towchinge the provision of two lastes of gonne powdder for this Cittye.

fo. 46b.

Letter from the Earl of Huntingdon.

To my lovinge frende, the L. Maior of Yorke.

Theis shalbe to lett your L. understande that I have receaved a letter from the Lords of her Majesties Previe Counsell, wherby I perceave that her Highnes havinge a speciall care for the provision of suche thinges as are necessarye for the defence of the realme, haith amonge other thinges thought yt convenient that their should be a certaine quantytye and proporcon of powder and matche hadd and kepte in readynes in dyvers of the ——— townes of the realme at reasonable prices, and by the sayd lettres their Lordshippes have sett downe that the Cittye of Yorke shall have of powder two lastes, and of matches 1000, and that I shall geve presente order unto you to sende some one to receyve the sayde quantytye at the handes of Henrye Dale, a marchant of London, payinge for the powder xj^d a pounce. I have therefore thought good to signifie the same unto your Lordshippe requieringe you to advertisse me oute of hand what your purpose and answer is in this behalfe. Thus I do comitt your Lordshippe to the Almightye. At Yorke the xviiiij October 1585.

H. Huntingdon.

fo. 47. **Letter from the Lord Mayor to the Earl of Huntingdon.**

Right honorable, I have receaved your Honors lettres, as towchinge the provision of two lastes of powder and 1000 matches to be kepte within the Cittye of Yorke, and to be receaved of Henrye Dale, a marchante of London; the powder at xj^d the pound; and I have imparted the same to my bretheren, Aldermen. And we do understand that the merchautes and inhabitants of the sayde Cittye of Yorke have good stoore of matche and powder for her Majesties service at a more reasonable price; wherfore we doo in most humble wise desier your good L. to stande so good L. to the

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sayde Cittye maye be by your L. good meanes eased of that chardge, or the most parte of the same. And the rather for that suche great quantytte of powder will in short tyme decaye by keepinge, by reason there is no vente nor use therof, wherbye to alter or remove the same. And we shall take suche order that the sayde Cittye of Yorke shall conteneue furnished with good stoore of powder and matche for her Majesties service. And thus we most humblye beseche the Almighty longe to preserve your honour in healthe to his good pleasure, with muche encrease of honour. Yorke this xxth of October 1585.

Post Scriptus. We humblye crave of your Honour that for this yeare we maye be eased of the chardge and we shalbe redye the next yeare to take suche reasonable porcon of the same as your honour shall thinke meet for us.

Your Honours at commandment
Andrewe Trewe.

fo. 48. **Lease of Chantry Lands. Wood Bridge at Castle Mills.**

5 November 27 Elizabeth (1585). *Present*—Andrew Trewe, Mayor, William Hillyard, Recorder, 8 Aldermen, 3 of the xxiv.

Aggreed that the leas latlye taken of the Quenes majestie of the late Chauntrie landes in this Cittye, Suburbs and Aynstie, shalbe forthwith caryed to Mr. Auditor or his deputye, to be enrolled this audite; and he to be payde for the same.

Aggreed that a sufficient wood brigge shalbe mayde, with all conveniente speed, beyonde Castle mylnes, of this Cittye chardges, for footemen and horsemen to passe.

fo. 50. **Letter to Lord Burleigh.**

To the right Honorable Sir William Cicill, Knight, Lord Burghley, Lord Treasurer of England.

Our moste bounden dewtye to your Honor remembered; whearas we are geven to understand, that by your L. meanes, thair is a staye mayde to graunte Commissions and reseave verdites touchinge conceyled lands; and for that we have on behalfe of oure Cyttezens of Yorke and inhabitants within the Aynstye therof, and for their and our quietnes compounded with the right honorable Sir James Crofte for all landes and tenements concealed within the sayde Cittye and Ainstie; and to have the benefit theirow to the use of suche of the sayd Cytizens and inhabitants, as shall be founde tenaunts therof in resonable sorte to their contentements; and payd to his Honor a great somme of money upon the same composytion, and hadd a Commission for the inquirye of the sayde concealments, wherin by reason of the short returne theirow we dyd not proceed; we are theirfore most humblye to desyer your Honor to stand so muche our goode Lorde, that we maye renewe the sayde Comission,

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wher in we are to deale no further then the precepte aforesayde; which we shall doo in suche sorte as shalbe to your L. good lykinge, and quiet contentacon of suche of our neighbours, who have anye of the sayde conceyled landes; (*fo.* 50b) and what direction your L. shall thinke meet to be taken herein, we shall rest redye to performe the same. Thus we most humble cease anye further to troble your L., committinge the same to the tuiton of that Almyghtie, whoever preserve your L. in all goodnesse. From Yorke the xth of November 1585.

Your Honors allwayes at commaundement Andrewe Trewe,
Maior, Christofer Harbarte, Roberte Asquith, Roberte
Brooke.

fo. 55. **Request for aid for the Free School at Kingston on Thames**

29 November 28 Elizabeth (1585). *Present*—Andrew Trewe, Mayor, William Hillyard, Recorder, 5 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 8 of the xxiv.

A lettre from my L. Charles Howard to my L. Maior and Aldermen of Yorke directed for voluntarye contribucon to be mayde and gathered towards the contynuall maintenance of a free scoole, and all thynges necessarie for the same, to be kepte in Kingstone upon Thames.

(*fo.* 57b). To my verye lovinge friend the Lord Maior and Aldermen of Yorke.

After my verye hartye commendacons; wheras Her Majestie haith bene moved for some voluntarye contribution to be mayd and gathered towards the continuall maintenance (*fo.* 58) of a free schole to be kepte at Kingstone upon Thames; it haith not oneleye pleased Her Highness of her gracious goodnes for the better increse of learninge to like, and allowe verie well of the same, but haith reserved the orderinge theirof unto the Bishoppe his Grace of Yorke within his province, and unto me Her Majesties Steward of the sayd towne. Wharfore we havinge begone a good course for performing of so good and godlye intente in writinge our particuler lettres unto the Bisshope of everye severall dyocesse to deale effectually with preachers and ministres under their charge to move others for a free and voluntarye devotion herein, I have thought likewise good to write my favorable lettres unto you to request in like manner your frendlye favour and furtherance to suche of abelitye within your Liberty for the better accomplishinge of this so great a benefitt for the common weale and posteritye. The collection of the which contribution my desyer is to have it delyvered accordinge unto the tenor of the letters directed unto the Bishoppe wherof you shall receave hearwithe a cotype.¹ Thus not doubtinge of your readye goodwill and forward disposition in so godlye an

¹ A copy is given in the House Book, *fo.* 58b to 59b.

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action, I leave yow to the Allmightye. From the Courte at Richmond this xviiijth of October.

Your verie lovinge frende
C. Haward

fo. 60. **New Glovers' Ordinances. Juries to define Chantry Lands.**

13 December 28 Elizabeth (1585). *Present*—Andrew Trewe, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 8 of the xxiv.

Certaine Articles to be added to the glovers ordinances were nowe perused, reformed and agreed.¹

And nowe it is agreed that everye of the jurye for boundinge of the Chauntrye landes shall at all tymes meete together upon warninge to everye of them gyven by the Lorde Maior officer, on payne of three shillinges and foure pence (*fo. 60b*). And that none of the jurye shall departe before his felowes upon payne of iijs iiij^d.

fo. 63b.

Illegal import of Corn.

16 December, 28 Elizabeth (1585). *Present*—Andrew Trewe, Mayor, 9 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 3 of the xxiv.

Wheras George Nelson of the Cittye of Yorke, partchment maker was this daye presented in this Courte, for that about the tenthe daye of November 1585, he dyd bringe to this Cittye xxxviiij quarters of barleye and seaven quarters of rye; whiche corne the sayd George bought, some parte theirowe in Lyncolne shier, the resydewe he had in consideracon of his wives porcon, which corne being brought to this Cittye; the barley was by the Lorde Maior praysed at x^s the quarter, and the rye at iijs iiij^d the bushell, and hadd direction geven by the Lorde Maior not to sell above foure quarters of the sayd corne to any one man. Yet notwithstandinge, the said George dyd sell twentye quarters of the sayd barley to one Thomas Smith of this Cittie for xj^{li} x^s the scoore; and other tenne quarters he sold to uxor Beckwithe, widow, at xij^s a quarter; and the other eight quarters he caryed to the house of Roland Shawe to be mayde malt to his owne use; and for the rye he sould at the staith for ijs iiij^d the bushell. And the sayde George, beinge present in this Courte dyd confesse all the premisses above declared, and dyd submitt himselfe to the order of this Courte.²

fo. 64b.

A silver bowl pawned by John Peckitt.

Treasure Trove.

5 January 28 Elizabeth (1585-6). *Present*—Andrew Trewe, Mayor, William Hillyard, Recorder, 9 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 8 of the xxiv.

¹ These new ordinances are given, *fo. 60 to 61b*.

² He was fined twenty shillings.

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Agreed that whereas Nicholas Smithe, John Wilson and Henrye Lee did severallye bringe accons in the Sheriffe Courte against John Peckett, younger, and dyd recover againste the sayde Peckett; and theirupon one sylver bole was pawned in satisfaccon of costes and damages: yt ys theirfore agreed that one of the Chamberlaynes shall take into the Chamber the sayd goblett, and shall disburse to everye of the sayd playntifs xiijs iiij^d, which they have recovered against the sayd John Peckett. (*fo. 65.*) And whereas in sommer last was a twelve monthe there was certayne old moneye as treasure trove found in the churche yearde of Sainte Saviours, in olde groates, amountinge to three poundes or theiraboutes; whiche haith and yett remayneth in the handes of Thomas Appleyard, Alderman, whiche Thomass Appleyard beinge demaunded the same haith submitted him selfe to the order of this Courte, towchinge the redeliverye of the same.

fo. 72.

Rule about taking Apprentices.

14 January 28 Elizabeth (1585-6).

Agreed that my Lorde Maior shall at some convenient tyme the next weeke, call to him sex Aldermen, and sex of the xxiiij, and they to call all the searchers of everye occupacon within this Cittie, together with their ordinalls; and then and their, at their discretions, they to add one article to the sayd ordinalls; in effect: that no manner of persone or personns of anye the sayd occupacons shall within fyve yeares next after his or their settinge upp as maister take anye apprentice, or others into (*fo. 72b*) his or their service to exercise anye part of their traid, excepte he be a freman or a fremans sonne of this Cittie; whiche it shall and maybe be lawfull for them to take at anye tyme; upon a certayne payns to be enjoyned to everye maister doinge the contrarye.

fo. 74.

A lawbreaker at Tang Hall.

Letter from the Earl of Huntingdon.

15 January 28 Elizabeth (1585-6). *Present*—Andrew Trewe, Mayor, William Hillyard, Recorder, 11 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 12 of the xxiv.

Forasmuche as John Boothe of Tanghall haith suffered the servauntes and apprintices of Mr. Roberte Asquithe, Alderman, and others the inhabitantes of the sayd Cittie to convey clothe to one Henrye Pettye, his sonne in lawe, beinge the goodes of their maister; and also for that he the sayd Booth haith suffered mens servauntes to remaine in his howse, and there to spend their money, beinge not to keepe anye Alehowse.

Agreed that the sayde Booth shall, for the causes aforesayd, and other his misdemeanors, have a present dischargd to provide him selfe of an other dwellinge house before the fyve and twentye daie of Marche nexte ensewinge; and that some other honest

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Cittezen shall be placed in the same house to have the chardge of the groundes there.

(*fo. 75*). To our lovinge frendes the Sherriffes of the Cittye of Yorke and to eyther of them to whom yt maye appertayn.

Wheras we have receaved a letter from the Lordes of her Majisties Prevy Counsell directed unto us and others; wherein we are required to geve order unto yow for the settinge of one Roberte Poole, prisoner in your custodye at libertye, upon his owne bonde for his good behaviour towards her Majestie, and her lawes, for one yeare next ensewinge; theis shall be by vertue of the sayd lettres, and her Majisties order and direction theirin, specified, to require yow, upon bonde taken of him as aforesayd, to sett him at libertye; and this shall be your warrante for yt. At London the xxij of December 1585.

Your lovinge frend
H. Huntynghdon.

fo. 78.

Uniting of York Churches.

26 January 28 Elizabeth (1585-6). *Present*—Andrew Trewe, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 3 of the xxiv.

Agreed that my Lord Maior and certane of his Bretheren, Aldermen shall to morrowe go to Bishopthorp about the uniting of the churches within the Cittie of Yorke.

fo. 79b.

Scheme for union of churches drawn up.

The lodge in Thursday Market.

28 January 28 Elizabeth (1585-6). *Present*—Andrew Trewe, Mayor, William Hillyard, Recorder, 7 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 5 of the xxiv.

Agreed that Mr. Doctor Pearcy, for his good will and furtherance as touching the instrument for the uniting of churches, and for his paines in drawing, devising and perfecting the same, shall have x^{li}, and xx^s for the clarke, which did engrosse and register the same.

And nowe Mr. Richardson and Mr. Birkby, Aldermen, Mr. Richerde Morton, and Mr. Percivall Brook are appoynted to vewe the chamber over the lodge in the Thursday market; and to se if a place can be maid there for lynnene cloth, and they to make reporte therof.

fo. 81.

New articles to settle dispute between the fishmongers and the shipmen and mariners.

Firste, that from hencforthe everye fishmonger within this Cittie, and all other freemen that nowe are or heareafter shalbe owners of anye shippe, crayer, keile or catche in the ryver of Ouse usuallye laden or dischardged at the Staith or Craine, or within the sayd

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Cittye, shall contente and paye yearlye at the feaste of Easter for everie shippe, crayer, keile or catche ij^d; and a halfe owner or third owner or a quarter owner one pennye in the yeare (*fo.* 81b) to the sayd occupacon of marriners or shipmen for everye the sayd vessells, shippe, crayer, keile or katche; and all straingers to paye for everye of their shippes, etc., and other their crafte of shippinge, as heretofore they have bene accustomed; provided allwayes that if at anye tyme anye playes happen to be played within this Cittye, or other chardges growinge, wherbie occupacons shalbe chardged within the sayd Cittye; that then the sayd maryners or shipmen, and the sayd occupacon of fishmongers and all others occupienge shippinge at the sayd staith, beinge free Cittizens, shalbe contributorie and chardged ratablie towards suche playes and other chardges, as heretofore they have bene accustomed, as dothe appeare by the regester, or hereafter other wise shalbe chardged, and he or they that dothe refuse to paye the dewtyes aforesayd.

Item yt ys agreed that if anie master maryner or sayler, occupienge or saylinge within the ryver of Owse in anye shippe, etc., to be detected of bryberye or falsehood, and suche person beinge so notoriously knowne, yf anye Cittizen fishmonger, shipmen or maryners do sett him of worke or suffer him to sale in their vessells or crafte shall forfeite xx^s.

(*fo.* 82). And yt ys ordayned that none of the sayd occupaton of fishmongers, shipmen or marryners, shall within fyve yeares next after he shall sett up as maister in the sayd crafte, take anye apprintice into his service to exercise anie parte of this traid, except he be a free man or a free mans sonne of this Cittie, which it shalbe lawfull for him to take at anye tyme upon payne of xl^s.

Item yt ys ordayned that everye one of the saide occupaton of fishmongers (*fo.* 82b), shipmen, maryners, which shall take anye apprintice at anye tyme hereafter shall cause everye such apprintice to be enrolled in the Cittye register within three monthes next after the takinge of everye suche apprintice upon payne that everye maister offendinge therin to forfeite v^{li}; and everye suche apprintice to lose the benefitt of his fredome and to paye but onelye viij^d for everye suche enrollment.

fo. 84b. **Letter from the Earl of Huntingdon on soldiers' pay.**

To my verye lovinge frend the L. Maior of the Cittie of York.

Theise shalbe to lett your L. understand that besydes the allowaunce given for the tenne men, whiche were to be sett forth by the Cittye and Ainstye of Yorke, whiche was iij^{li} for everye man, their was by my appointmente allowed and payd unto Capteyne Yorke, who thought that allowaunce verie smale, iij^{li} vj^s viij^d moor for the increase theirof, as appeareth by his acquittance certifienge the receipte theirof. Theis shalbe to requier your L. to take order, that the sayde iij^{li} vj^s viij^d maye be payed unto my

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servaunte, William Blackaller, so sone as maye be, for that the moneye was borrowed of the Maior of Hull, and is to be repaid unto him forthwithe, for the whiche I do stand aunswerable to him. Thus I do commit your L. to Gods tuicon.¹

At Yorke the vjth of September 1585.

Your L. lovinge frend

H. Huntyngdon.

fo. 85. **Receipt for money for equipping soldiers.**

Memorandum that the thirtenth daye of August 1585, I Edward Yorke, gentleman, otherwise called Captain Yorke, have hadd and received of Andrewe Trewe, Lord Maior of the Cittye of Yorke, the somme of thirtye poundes of lawfull moneye of England, for the furnishinge and settinge forth of tenne sufficiente soldyers within the Cittye of Yorke and the Ainstie, by commission from the right honorable, Henrye Earle of Huntingdon, Lorde Presydent in the North partes; that is to saye—sex men furnished with callevers and furniture to the same; three men furnished with corsletts and pykes with furniture; and one sufficient man furnished with a corslett and halbarte. In witnesse wherof I the said Edward Yorke have hereunto subscribed my name the day and yeare above sayd.

Edw. Yorke.

fo. 86. **Receipt of Popish Priests.**

Memorandum that I John Beysbeye, keper of the reconisances in the castell of Kingston uppon Hull, have reseived the xxiiij of August 1585, of Robert Peacocke, merchaunte, William Shillyto, Thomas Benson and Thomas Waddy, by order from Her Majesties most honorable Counsell stablished in the Northe partes, theis persons followinge viz. William Bickbert, William Hudson, Thomas Smurthwaite, Thomas Shillito, Edward Hartburn alias Benett, Lyncolne, Michaell Bolton, William Robinson, Anthonie Wilkinson, Edward Sikes and John Marche, beinge popishe prests, and John Hewett, a popishe subdeacon.

fo. 88. **Present to Earl of Huntingdon.**

7 Feb. 28 Elizabeth (1585-6). *Present*—Henry May, Mayor, William Hillyard, Recorder, 7 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 4 of the xxiv.

Agreed that my L. Presidente shall have a tonne of Gascoine wyne to be provided by the Chamberlaines.

fo. 90b. **St. Anthony's Hall. Order regarding Undersettles.²**

18 February 28 Elizabeth (1585-6).

Agreed that a wall shall be mayde up at St. Anthonies; and a house to be mayde their for the correction of rooges; and three

¹ This and the two following documents are out of place.

² Undersettle: a sub-tenant.

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chaynes and a clogge to be mayd for punishement of such rooges as will not worke.

Wheras the inhabitants of this Cittye are sore chardged with the releif of a great number of poore people, a great number wherof beinge straingers, and suche as have comed forthe of the countrie, of layte tyme placed within this Cittie; to thend theirfore that we maye ease the sayd Cittezens of somme parte of their excessyve chardgys, and the better releyve the poore Cittezens and inhabitants within the same, yt ys agreed that everye person or persons whatsoever inhabitinge within this Cittye, which have receyved anye undersettles or under tenaunts into their howses, or buyldinges, shall before Penthicost, commonlye called Whitsundaye nowe nexte ensewinge (*fo.* 91) avoyd all suche undersettles or undertenaunts fourth of their howses and buyldinges, apou payne of twentie shillinges for everye defalt, to be payd to the Common Chamber of this Cittie; and that no manner of person or persones shall at anye tyme hereafter receave or take anye undertenaunts or undersettles into their howses upon like payne for everye person that shall so be taken and receaved; and also the losse and forfeiture of sex shillinges and eight pence for everye monethe that everye suche undertenaunte or undersettle shall dwell or habitt within the sayde howse or buildinge, after Whitsondaye nowe nexte commynge; the sayd somme or sommes to be payed by suche person or persons who so receave and take the same. And also that all constables within this Cittie shall, before the feast of Penticost next, certifie in writinge unto the Lorde Maior and Aldermen, all undersettles with their names, addicons and contynuaunce within their severall constableryes, and the names of all suche persons as have receaved them, and from whence they came, and howe longe they have remayned within the sayd Cittie, and in what manner and sorte they do lyve and be mayntaynede; and that all the sayde constables shall from thenceforth shall everye seconde saturdaye certifie unto the wardens of their severall wardes the names of all suche persons as shall from tyme to tyme come, dwell or inhabitt within their severall constableryes, upon payne of everye constable necklekinge his service herein in anye respecte, to forfeite sex shillinges eight pence, for everye defalte to be payed to the Common Chamber as aforesayd.

(*fo.* 91b to 94). Ordinances of Brewers of Ale and Beer.

fo. 94b.

Order against eating meat in Lent.

To our verye lovinge frendes the Maior, Sheriffes and Justices of our Peace, with in our Cittie of Yorke, and the Countie of the same, and to everye of them.

Trustie and welbeloved we greete you well; and wheras we with the advice of our Pryvie Counsell have thought it conveniente to sende unto yow certayne orders for the restraynt of killinge and

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eatinge of fleshe during this tyme of Lente, and other dayes prohibited, the whiche you shall receave here inclosed, together with a minute of our sayd Councells lettres for that purpose; theis shalbe to will and commaund you strayghtlye to see due execution of the same accordinglye within your libertyes, as ye will answeere the especiall trust, which we have conceaved of you on that behalfe. Yeven under our signet at our Cittye of Yorke the second daye of Marche the xxvijth yere of our reigne.

And by her Counsell¹

fo. 97b. **Two thirds of tax to be paid. Overseer at Tang Hall.**

29 March 28 Elizabeth (1586). *Present*—Henry May, Mayor, 10 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 5 of the xxiv.

Agreed that two partes of the taxe of this Cittye shalbe payd; a full third parte of the wholle taxe beinge deducted, and eastreats to be delyvered to the collectors accordinglye.

(*fo. 98*). Aggred that Anthonye Graves shall have and occupye the manor howse of Tanghall, with all suche profittes and commodyties as John Bothe laytlye hadd; and he to oversee and take paynes aboute the growndes their, as the same John dyd, during the pleasure of my Lord Maior and Aldermen; and he to have suche fees and allowaunce as the sayd John Bothe latelye hadd; and that he shall use no brewinge or typlinge their, nor to suffer anye mens servauntes or apprentics to use anye unlawfull games, playes or other disorder there in his howse, or to spend their moneye in eatinge or drinkinge their, upon payne to be dischargd of the premisses.

(*fo. 99b*) Assesement for the Purvayour of the Quenes Provision.

Acome and Holgate	...	...	...	...	vj ^s viij ^d
Askam Bryan	...	...	...	...	vj ^s viij ^d
Askam Richard	...	...	...	...	ij ^s iiij ^d
Bilbroughe and Sandwithe	...	...	...	...	vj ^s
Catterton	...	...	...	...	ij ^s
Dringhowses	...	...	...	...	ij ^s iiij ^d
Mydlethorpe	...	...	...	...	ij ^s
Bishoppthorpe	...	...	...	...	ij ^s
Copmanthorpe	...	...	...	...	vj ^s viij ^d
Acaster Malbis	...	...	...	...	v ^s vj ^d
Acaster Selbye	...	...	...	...	vj ^s iiij ^d
Appleton and Wodhouse	...	...	...	...	vj ^s
Bolton Percie, Hornington and Paddockthorpe	...	...	...	...	viij ^s
Colton	...	...	...	...	ij ^s viij ^d
Steeton	...	...	...	...	iiij ^s viij ^d

¹ The Proclamation against eating meat in Lent follows. It is dated at Greenwich, 15th September, 1585. On folios 95b to 97 are instructions to Justices of the Peace.

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Knapton	iijs ^s
Hessaye	iiij ^s
More Munckton and Gowlandes			iijs ^s iiij ^d
Skaglethorpe and Redhowses	vij ^s
Willestrope	...	...	...	...	...	v ^s
Rufforthe	...	...	...	...	...	iiij ^s
Acome Grainge	...	...	...	...	...	iijs ^s
Helaughe	...	...	...	...	...	vj ^s
Hoton and Angram	...	...	...	...	...	vj ^s iiij ^d
Marston	...	...	...	...	...	v ^s iiij ^d
Tockwith and Skewkirke		...	...	...	...	vj ^s
Bilton	...	...	...	...	...	v ^s
Wighell and Easdict	...	...	...	...	...	vj ^s
Walton and Follyfate	...	...	...	...	...	v ^s iiij ^d
Thorpearche	...	...	...	...	...	v ^s ij ^d
Bickarton	...	...	...	...	...	v ^s
Sessed by	{ Roberte Brooke Thomas Appleyeard Andrewe Trewe				} Aldermen	

fo. 101. Letter to the Lord Admiral of England.

To the right honourable and our verie good Lorde, Charles, Lorde Haworthe, Lord Admirall of Englande.

Our moste bounden dewtie to your good Lordshippe remembred; we have receaved your Lordshippe lettre towching informacon given to your Honour—that we have called Christopher Turner into our Courte on Owse bridge upon a suggested contempte done towards us, for sewinge in the Courte of thadmyraltie upon an obligacon payablie in the sayd Turners howse, beinge within the full watermarke. Theise shalbe to advertise your Honor that we have not called him into the sayde Courte for anie suche cause. But one informacon beinge their commensed and dependinge against him in the sayde Courte, affirminge he haith sued in the Admirall Courte for a cause, rysynge within the bodye of the Realme, contrarye to the Statutes in that case provyded, of which Courte the Sherifes beinge Judges, are to permite the parties to proceed accordinge to order of lawe; and further or otherwise we intermyddle not with the matter and whether the contentes of thinformacon be true or no resteth on tryall, and no waye concerneth us. And as towching Turners howse to be within the full watermarke; in trewthe the ryver doth ebb and flow eyther not at all, or els the same so small, that skarslie it cane be perceyved at Yorke, neyther at anie tyme doethe the water overflowe the banks of the ryver, excepte at

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certaine tyme not usuall, when great abundance of freshe water doth discend into the sayde ryver from the hillie countrie in the north west partes of Yorke Sheir, by reason of some greate rayne fallinge theire, and so discendethe into Humber, by which sometymes the same is forced above the bankes, and then runnethe not onelye so heighe as Turners; and into dyvers streites at Yorke, but into manye townes and villages in the countrie, and over floweth the most parte (*fo.* 101b) of the growndes adjoyninge theirunto, which places so overflowed by that occasion, and not otherwise, we thinke are not to be compted within the full watermarke; but herein if we are, we are to submyte ourselves to your L. judgemente; and this is the suite in our Courte against Turner, whiche yet restethe to be layed betwene the Quene and him, whether he haith offended or not. And we most humblie crave of your L. that you will contynewe this your honorable favour towards us, to lett us understand of suche suggestons mayd against the Magistrates of our Cittye; assuringe your Honor we shall so use our selves as we shall give no cause of offence. And thus we comite your L. to the tuicon of Almyghtie God. Frome Yorke the xviiijth daye of Aprill 1586.

Your Honors to commaund

Henry May, Maior

William Hyldyarde.

fo. 102. **Poor to be set to work.** **Ale and Beer.****Money Boxes.** **Purchase of Wheat and Rye.**

22 April 28 Elizabeth (1586). '*Present*—Henry May, Mayor, William Hillyard, Recorder, 7 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 1 of the xxiv.

Agreed that the Aldermen shall take order for settinge the poore on worke; and that the sayd Aldermen shall on thursdaye next assemble them selves at Saint Anthonies Hall, and shall, then and their, with the searchers of tapiters before them, and also all the poore appoynted to spinne flax, and then take order for settinge them on worke at their discretion.

And yt ys agreed that theis persons shall be brewers of ale and beere, and have an ordinall¹, (*fo.* 103b) and they to sell their ale for iiij^d a gallon, their best beare for iiij^d a gallon and single bere for j^d ob. a gallon, untill a newe price be geven. And the typlers to sell their ale for v^d a gallon, forthe of the howse, and in the howse for vj^d.

Allso it is agreed that fower boxes shalbe mayd and delyvered to the foure beedles, and everye of them to gather in their severall wārdes, and everye warden in their severall wardes the charitable devocons of people towards the releif of the poore. And everye warden in everye warde to keepe the keye of everye boxe for their

¹ The names of 15 persons follow.

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warde. And everye suche warden to see the moneye distributed to the poor monnthlye in their severall wardes.

(*fo.* 104). Thomas Dutton of the Cittie of Yorke, maryner, examined the xxij of Aprill 1586, in the open court before the Lord Maior and Aldermen, as towchinge certayne wheate and rye bought nighe Howden by William Barker and Henrye Wilkinson; this examinat saith he, this examinat, was hyred by one Mr. Stones dwelling in Northfolke to bringe the sayd Mr. Stones his shippe, havinge in yt sex scoore quarters of wheate and fower scoore quarters of rye from Hull to Selbye. And this examinat sayth that he, this examinat, brought the same shippe and corne up the ryver nighe one tree of oake about two myles (*fo.* 104b) from Howden. And Mr. Stones come to Howden and solde the same corne to Robert Barker and Henrye Wilkinson cc and xx markes on moneday the fifteenth of Aprill instant 1586; and this examinat saith that Barker sould all his parte of the sayd corne at Selbye.

fo. 106.

Concealed lands.

Citizens not to go to a fair in Minster Yard.

10 May 28 Elizabeth (1586). *Present*—Henry May, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 5 of the xxiv.

Agreed that Mr. Belt shall this nexte terme gett a newe commission for concealed lands.

(*fo.* 106b). Agreed that the survaye and bounders of the lande laitlie graunted by the Quenes majestie to this Cittie shalbe certified this next terme; and Mr. Bethell, and others the commissioners to be talked withall towchinge the same.

And wheras dyverse of the Cittizens of this Cittie and other have heretofore used to goo to the faire, within the Minster garth, in and on late yeares on Whitsondaye; it is nowe agreed that the sayd Cittizens shall from hensforthe resorte to sell their waires and other thinges on Whitson mondaye next in Thursdaye markett in the faire their; and not on Whitson sondaye; yf Mr. Recorder shall well like of the same. And theirupon warninge to be geveinge to the Cittizens to go to Thursdaye markett to the sayd faire, and not to the Mynster garthe; and not begine the same untill mondaye next.

fo. 107b. **Letters to be sent to the Lord Treasurer and Sir James Croft.**

2 May 28 Elizabeth (1586). *Present*—Henry May, Mayor, 5 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 7 of the xxiv.

Agreed that a lettre shalbe written from my Lorde Maior and Aldermen to my Lorde Treasurer and Sir James Crofte for the Commission of concealements.

Agreed that on Midsummer even, accordinge to the custome, everye Cittezen, beinge hable men, shall attend on Mr. Sheriffes

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in their best arraye and armor and furnitoure, with their servauntes, upon payne to forfaite vjs viij^d; and that warrants shalbe maid to that effecte accordinglye.

(*fo.* 108). To the righte honorable Henrye, Earle of Huntington, etc.

Oure most bounden dewtie to your good L. remembred; wheras we have compounded with Sir James Crofte for suche landes and tenementes as shalbe found concealed within the Cittie of Yorke and Countie of the sayd Cittie; which is not ment for our owne benefitt, but to the intent that everye tenant therof maye have his owne land at our handes againe, payinge ratable accordinge to suche sommes of money, as we have or shall disburse about the same; we are most humble to desyre your Honor to stand so much our good Lord, as to further our sewt, to the Lord Treasurer, for renewing our Commission for that purpose, for that as yett we have disbursed much and founde nothing. Thus beinge bold to write to your L. herein, we take our leaves of your Honor, ceasinge anye further to trouble the same. Committinge your L. to the tuicon of the Almightye.

Yorke, this sixt of June 1586.

Your Honor to commaunde

Henry May, Maior

Christopher Herbert.

fo. 108b.

Regulations for Brewers.

Aged poor to be placed in Hospitals.

8 June 28 Elizabeth (1586).

Agreed that the brewers shall brewe two quarters in beare and one quarter in ayle untill Michaelmas next, the brewers ordynalls not withstandinge.

Agreed that the brewers of this Cittye shall from hence forthe sell their ale for iiij^d a gallon, of their best beare for iij^d a gallon; and a gallon of their single beare for j^d ob. a gallon. And that the tiplars of the sayd Cittie shall from henceforthe sell theire ale forthe of their howses for v^d a gallon; and within their howses for sex pence a gallon.

(*fo.* 109). Agreed that my L. Maior and Mr. Wardens in their severall wardes shall make on frydaye nexte, at one of the clocke in the after none of the same daye, and to call all aged persons before them, and to take order for placing them in the three hospitalls; and warninge to be gevinge theirow in the meane tyme accordinglye.

fo. 114. **Non-payers of poor relief. Prison on Ouse Bridge.**

Concealed lands. Ainsty soldiers for Flanders.

12 August 28 Elizabeth (1586). *Present*—Henry May, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 6 of the xxiv.

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Wheras dyvers persons, inhabitantes within this Cittye, do refuse to paye weeklye suche sommes of money, as they are assessed towards the releife of the poore; it is nowe agreed that my L. Maior and the wardens of that ward, wher suche persons so refusinge do inhabit shall call before them suche persons so refusinge, and they to commit all suche persons to warde accordinge to the Statute in that case provided.

(*fo.* 114b). Agreed that Mr. Alderman Harrison and Mr. Alderman Trewe shall with all convenient expedicon viewe the chambers on Ousebrigge, wherin the Papists latlye were, and they to take order and cause to be amended the sayd chambers withe particons and necessaryes for the surer and more straitte keepinge of the sayd Papists.

(*fo.* 115). Agreed that theis persons followinge, or the most parte of them shall with all convenient speed searche out the concealed landes in everye ward within this Cittie viz. Mr. Brooke, Alderman, for Bothome ward; Alderman Birkbie for Mounck ward, Mr. Alderman Trewe for Micklithe ward, and Mr. Alderman Robinson for Walmeigate ward; and Mr. Edward Fawcett, Mr. Christofer Beckwith, Mr. Percival Brooke and Mr. Richard Morton with them, and eight of the jurors latelye sworne for that purpose. And they to make certificate of their doings to this Courte before the seventh daye of September next.

Agreed that the inhabitants of the Ainstie shalbe mayd acquainted with xxxiiij^{li} vj^s viij^d, which is to be by them payd towards the settinge forwards of certayne soldyors in Flanders under Captayne Yorke.

(*fo.* 116 to 117b). Certaine orders touchinge the dearthe of corne sente by the Previe Counsell.

fo. 118b. **Sheriffs and their Officers not to take bribes.**

22 August 28 Elizabeth (1586). *Present*—Henry May, Mayor, William Hillyard, Recorder, 10 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 9 of the xxiv.

Agreed that frome henceforthe suche persons as shalbe chosen Sheriffes of this Cittie, shall neither theym selves, nor either of them by them selves, or anye other for them, or to the uses of either of them, directlie or indirectlye, take or cause to be taken of anye sommes of moneye, rewardes, or other thinges of anye maner of person or persons, for anye of their Sergiantshippes or Bailiwickes, but shall suffer their Sergiantes and Bailiffs to use and exercise their offices frelye, withoute anye thinge payinge or yeildinge theirfore by anye meanes, either to the sayd Sheriffes or anye other persons; and also the said Sergiantes or Bailiffes, and everye of them (*fo.* 119) shall take solempne oathes, that neither they nor anye of them, nor anye other for them shall paye or geve anye moneye, rewardes or other thinges for their offices of Sergiantshippe or Bailiwickes. And further it is agreed that the said Sergiantes and Bailifes, that

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frome henceforth shalbe suche honest persons as the Lord Maior and his bretheren, Aldermen for the tyme beinge shall well like of.

Agreed that everye Sheriffe, whiche shall refuse to take the said oathe shall forfait and paye the fine of fortie pounds to the Common Chambre of this Cittie.

fo. 119b. **Thanksgiving for preservation of the Queen.**

Money spent on soldiers of the Ainsty.

26 August 28 Elizabeth (1586). *Present*—Henry May, Mayor, 10 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 9 of the xxiv.

Agreed that for asmuche as it haith pleased Allmightie God latelye to deliver our Soveraigne Ladie the Quenes Majestie, whose life God longe preserve, from the handes of certaine trators, who conspired her Majesties deathe; it is theirfour agreed that on sondaye next at three of the clocke in the after noone a sermon shalbe mayd at St. Martines church in Conestreet to the praise of God for her Majesties deliverie from the handes of (*fo. 120*) her foes, whose pretenses God confound; and that commaundement shalbe geven to the Cittezens to be at the sayd Sermon; and that all the bells shalbe ronge ymediatlie after Sermon, and bone fiers likewise to begin then, in everye parisshe, and to conteneue till nyne of the clocke at night.

(*fo. 120b*). Agreed that my L. President shalbe spoken withall at his home lovinglye by my L. Maior and Aldermen, towchinge xxxiiij^{li} vjs viij^d, which was disbursed for the Ainstie, towchinge certayne souldiers, which went into Flanders at his Honors request.

fo. 121. **Letter from the Lord President.**

Reception at Micklegate Bar. Fishgarths.

2 September 28 Elizabeth (1586). *Present*—Henry May, Mayor, William Hillyard, Recorder, 10 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 11 of the xxiv.

A lettre from my Lord President to my L. Maior directed for the provision of gunne powder. Agreed that my L. President shalbe spoken with towchinge the same.

(*fo. 121b*). And forasmuche as it is credablye reported that the right honourable the Earle of Huntington, Lorde President is Lord Lieutenaunt, and will be at this Cittye, this present day, about fyve of the clocke in the after none; it is agreed that my Lord Maior, Mr. Recorder, the Aldermen and Sheriffes, xxiiij, and suche as have bene Chamberlaines shall mete the sayd L. Leuetennaunt at Micklegate Barre about three of the clocke; viz., the Lord Maior and Aldermen in skarlett, the Sheriffes and xxiiij in cremissyn, and the others in their best gownes, and warninge presentlie to be geven their off.

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Agreed that a lettre shalbe written, and some person to be sent to the farmers or owners of certaine fishgarthes, which by informacons mayd to the Lord Maior and Aldermen, are verye noysome to shippes, crayers, katches and keeles passinge in the water, to that effecte that they shall presentlye make repaire to this Cittye and to shewe cause whie their sayd fishegarthes shall not be reformed.

(*fo. 122*). To my loving frend the L. Maior of the Cittie of Yorke.

After my hartie comendacons to your L^p., you shall understand that I have bene of late very earnestlie spoken and written unto by my Lords of the Counsell to call upon the Cittie of Yorke, to make such provision of powder and matche, as was required the last yeare to be kept there in redines for the defences and service of the countrie, as occation shalbe offred. What answeere was maid the last yeare you do, I do not doubt, remember. But now their Lordshippes pleasure is that without anie further delay, or exception to be used to the contrary, you shall make the provision according to the proporcon set downe the last yeare, and that the same be donne duringe the fare wether, apt for cariadage therof. The same is to be receyved of Henry Daile, a merchant of this Cittie. My Lordships are very earnest to have this performed with speed. I have thefor thought good, with like earnestnes to requier you to take order for yt accordinglie; that their Lordships may fynd like redines in you, as they have donne in other places, for the provision of that which tendeth to the defence of your selves and the contry. There will now no excuse be admitted, and therfor you must not fale to make the provision accordinglie. Thus I do comitt you to Gods tuicon. From London the xxixth of August 1583.

Your L. loving frend
H. Huntingdon.

fo. 124b. **Thanksgiving for the preservation of the Queen.**

Memorandum that my Lord Maior and his Bretheren conferred with Mr. Deane as towching a sermon, and a generall Communion to be mayd, in praise of God, that her Majestie escaped the handes of certaine traytors, which conspired her Majesties deathe. Wher-upon on wedinsdaye, the last of August, 1586, the sayd Mr. Deane did make a famous sermon in Yorke Minster. And the same daye the Lord Maior, his Bretheren and the most of the inhabitants of the sayd Cittye were at the sayd sermon and their communicated; and in the after none an other sermon was mayd. And all the sayme daye was observed as holy daye. And in the after none the streetes were strewed with flowers and herbes, and greene bowes sett up in the sayd streetes, and the howses sydes towards the sayd streetes hanged with fyne carpettes and coveringes; and everye man supped in the sayd streetes at his owne doore, with all their plaite sett forthe in the sayde streetes, with greate rejoyssinge and singinge of

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psalmes and ringinge of bells. And after supper bonifyers dyd begine to be mayd, and dyd contenewe burninge till ix and tenne of the clocke in the eveninge of the same daye. And on fridaye at night next after, my Lord Maior and his Bretheren and the Sheriffes, and Fower and Twentie, in their read gownes, and manye Cittizens, havinge hard howe the Lord Presidente was Lorde Lieutenant, came in their best apparell, and mett the sayd Lieutenante at Walmegate Barre, the waites plainege over the gates; and from thence brought him up into the Cittye, with greate stoore of torches and lightes, Fosse bridge beinge verye well perfumed with frankensence. And from thence the Lord Maior and (*fo. 125*) Sheriffes, their officers, dyd carie him to the Mannor with torches light. And on Mondaye the fifte of September, 1586, the sayd Lord Presidente sent worde to the Lorde Maior, that he and his Bretheren shall meete him at the Common Hall to heare his Commission of Leutenancye. And theirupon the sayd Lord Maior and his Bretheren and the xxiiij and manye substanciall commoners, all in black gownes, went to the Common Hall, with the sayd Lord President and Lord Leuetenænt, and then and their, beinge sett in the chare, called the Lord Maior to him, who came up to the benche on the right hand, and then the Lord Leuetenante his secratorye dyd reade the Commission of Leuetenancy, which beinge redd, the Lord Maior dyd take the sword from Mr. Fawxe, sword bearer, and dyd deliver the same to the sayd Lord Leuetenant, kissinge the same, with lowe reverence; and then the Lorde Leuetenaunt, holdinge the same in his hand a litle whyle, dyd deliver yt to the Lord Maior againe, who dyd deliver the same to Mr. Fawx, and therupon Lord Leuetenante mayd his exortacon; and the same ended, gave great thanks to the Lord Maior as well for his courteous intertaynmente, as also in that the sayd Lord Maior, Aldermen and Cittezins had rejoyced as is aforesaid, that her Majestie had escaped the hands of her enemies.

fo. 126. **300 soldiers to be raised in York and the Ainsty for Home Service.**

To my lovinge frendes the L. Maior of the Cittie of Yorke and to the Aldermen, his bretheren.

Wheras hir Majestye consideringe how necessarye yt is to have certayn forces putt in a readiness throughout the whole Realme, for the defence of her Majesties persone and estate in these troublesome dayes, hayth signified her pleasure unto me by lettres from the L^s of her Majesties Previe Counsell, that by vertue of the Commission of Lieutenancye directed unto me from her Highnes, I should assone as conveniently as may be, raise a certayn number of footemen and horsemen to be within this Countie vewed, enrolled, and put in a readynes with ther convenient furnytüre; these therefore shalbe to requyer you, and by vertue of the said Comysion to will

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and commaund you that presentlye upon the recepte hereof, yow do cause the number of 300 hable and sufficient men to be put in readynes within the Cittie and Aynstye of York; wherof 150 must be callevers; 90 pikemen with corsletts; 50 billes with alman ryvetts or jackes; and 30 bowes with shaves of arrowes; and such other furnytüre as hath bene in suche services accustomed.

It is also thought conveniente and soe commaunded by her Majestie that the whole number of men appoynted to be put in a readynes within this Countie, is to be chosen of persons dwellinge and resydyng within the Shier; beinge of habylitie to furnishe themselves without any other chardge of the Countreye, and therefore (*fo.* 126b) you are, in the furnishinge of the said nomber allotted unto you, to appoynt such men for this service as are of habilitie to provide suche armour and weapons as by you shalbe thought convenient and fitt for everye particular.

And that persons upon whome you shall impose this chardge may be the more willing and readye to beare the same, you are to signifie unto them that this tendeth not to have them imployed in any forreigne service, but for the defence of them selves and ther countreye, if any attempt should happen or be maid. You shall not neade for the accomplyshinge of this service to make anye assemblie of the people, for I doubte not but amonge your selves, privatlye, with such assistance as you shall thinke fitt, to call unto you, you may easeleye sett downe such men as are fitt to be chardged with this service; wherin I doubt not but you will deale with as much indifferencye and circumspeccon as maye be. And in case any within the said Cittie and Ainstye shall refuse to performe the chardge which you shall think fitt to impose upon them, for the furnishing of eyther pike, calyver, bill or bowe, I wold requyer you to certyfie unto me the names of suche persons soe refusinge, that further order may be taken with them, accordinge to the qualytie of their contempte. And when you shall have set downe the names of the persons chardged with this service and the severall weapons which every man shalbe appoynted to serve withall, I wold requyer you to make a book therof and to send the same unto me so sone as may be under your hands.

(*fo.* 127). Now for that I am in doubt that some of the persons that you shall chardg with this service wilbe founde unprovided and unfurnished of such armor and weapon as shalbe appoynted unto them, I wold requyer to understand which of them are furnished and which are not, and that you wold assigne the partye unfurnished a day (and that with as much speade as may be) to provide the armore and weapon appoynted unto you if he will make provision therof him self; or if he had rather have it provided for him to appoynte him what some of money he is to have in readynes against suche tyme, as the said armor and weapon shalbe provided for him, which some is to be set downe accordinge to the chardge of that weapon which shalbe appoynted to him,

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soe as I may knowe what number is already furnished by the day to be appoynted by you, and what number do desyer to have provision of armor and weapon mayd for them; wherof I desyer to have a particular certificat, that order may be taken for the provision of the same accordinglye. And for that ther are also a certayne number of horsemen to be put in a readynes within this Shyer, which are to be furnished by gentlemen, and to be assessed uppon welthye farmers, and others of habylitie. I wold requyer you, that I may have a perfecte certificate from you of all the gentlemen within the Libertye of your Cyttie, and also of the welthye farmers, and others of best habylitie that are not chardged with the service of footemen (*fo.* 127b). I have thought good also to remember unto you that you are not in this service for the furnishing of these men to have regard to the subsedye booke, for I doubt not but that maney that are not in the subsidye booke, are of habylitie to beare parte of this chardge, neyther wold I have you to charge anye as a footeman that may be thought of habylitie to be chardged with a horse.

And wheras I did of late signifie unto you that I was verye earnestlye commaunded by the Lords of her Majesties Previe Counsell to deale effectuallye with you, to make forthwith during this fayre wether for cariadges, provision of powder and match at London from Henrye Dale, accordinge to the proporcon set downe in my lettres to yow the last yeare, and that the same should be done without any delaye or exception to be used to the contrarye. I have thought good eftsones to put you in mynd therof and to requyer your spedye answeere touchinge the same my said lettres do verye earnestlye call upon me for this matter, seenge the chardge (as ther Lordships do writ) is not great if the inhabitants do (as they are persuaded of them) carye suche carefull and dutyfull myndes for the defence of them selves and the countrie, as they ought to doe, and as other places of this Realme have by makeinge so the like provisions declared they do. Thus requyringe you as you tender the good (*fo.* 128) service of her Majestye to performe the contents of this my lettre, I do comytt you to God. At Yorke the xth of Septembre 1586.

Your lovinge frende
H. Huntynghdon.

fo. 130.**Sheriffs to attend the Minster.****Letter to the Earl of Huntington about Gunpowder.**

21 September xxviii Elizabeth. *Present*—Henry May, Mayor, William Hillyard, Recorder, 12 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 6 of the xxiv.

Agreed that from hence forthe the Sheriffes of this Cittye, that are and shalbe, shall on everye sondaye and all other festival dayes, when the Lord Maior and his Bretheren doo weare their scarlett gownes, attend on the Lorde Maior for the tyme beinge,

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from the Lord Maior house to the Minstor to Sermon and after Sermone, from the Minster to the Lord Maiors howse.

(*fo.* 131). To the righte Honorable, Henrie, Earle of Hunting-ton, her Majesties Lyewtenant in the Northe partes.

Right Honorable: may it please your good L., that wheras your Honor by your L. lettre directed unto us, for the provision of two lastes of powder, and one thowsand of matches to be kept in redynes in the Cittie of Yorke for her Highnes service by direcon from the Lords of her Majesties most honorable Pryvie Counsell; wherin we are most humbly to crave your L. to stande so muche our good L. as to be a meanes for us, to the sayd Lordshipps, that it would please their Honors to dischardge us of thone halfe of the said chardge and provision, bothe in respecte that our merchaunts and cittizens are alredye well stored their withall (*fo.* 131b.) and for that here is small vent¹, eyther of matche or powder, not haveinge anye shippes furnished with ordynance, wherby to spende the same, belonginge to this Cittie; soe that powder beinge a thinge which will decaye by longe keepinge, and we haveinge no meanes to alter and chainge the same, shall sustaine great losse, bothe by the keepinge therof and also by the chainging and utteringe of the same at suche tyme as yt shall beginne to decaye. And thus desiringe your Honors favour wherin we do praye to God for your L. in honor and healthe longe to contynewe. Yorke, this ——of September, 1586.

Your Honors at commandement

Henry May, Maior, Robert Maskew, Robert Asquith, Christopher Herbert, Hughe Graves and William Robinson
(and five others.)

fo. 132. **Lead, foreign bought and foreign sold.**

M.P.'s elected. Sheriffs fined for lack of dignity.

3 October 28 Elizabeth (1586). *Present*—Henry May, Mayor, William Hillyard, Recorder, 11 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 11 of the xxiv.

Agreed that forasmuche as one John Thompson of this Cittie, beinge free man, haith bought of one Christofer Hagstone, a strainger within this Cittye, one fudder of leade, lyenge within the Common Crane, which lead is seised by the laborers at the sayd Crane for this Cittie use, as foren bought and foren sold, that all the same lead shall remayne still seased to this sayd Cittie use.

And nowe the Quenes Majesties writt for elecon of two Burgesses for this Cittye was redd in this Courte; and also theis Commoners (names of 34 freeholders given) (*fo.* 132b) dyd now personallie appere in this Courte, and the effecte of the sayd writt was then and theire to them declared. And then after wardes the same freeholders went into the Exchequer, and then and theire, haveinge with them the Sheriffes and Common Clerke dyd presentlye

¹ Vent. Sale for.

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geve their voyces, as appeareth by a paper of their sayd voyces. And by their most voyces they dyd choise Mr. William Hillyard, Recorder, Mr. William Robinson, Mr. Robert Brooke and Mr. Andrewe Trewe, Aldermen, as foure electes for the sayd Burgesses; and brought the same before this assemble, who one after an other dyd gyve their pryvate voyces to the elecon of two of the sayd electes to be Burgesses. And so the sayd Sheriffes and Common Clerke takinge their voyces, by the most voyces of theis presentes the sayd Mr. William Hilliard and Mr. Robert Brooke are now nominated to be Burgesses for this Cittye. And it is nowe further agreed that at the nexte Countye Courte, being on Mondaye the xth of this presente October, the sayd Mr. Hillyard and Mr. Brooke shalbe published and nominated Burgesses for the sayd Cittye. And that all the sayd persons who ware at the sayd elecon shalbe commaunded to be then presente at the sayd Countye (Court). And also that a lettre of Attorneye shalbe mayd to the sayd Burgesses under the Common Seale as haith beene accustomed.

(*fo. 133b.*) Forasmuche as Roland Fawcett and William Gibson, late Sheriffes of this Cittie, dyd diverse tymes duringe their sayd office, goo without anye officer or waiter against the worshipp of this Cittye, and the sayd Roland and William, beinge now present heare, dyd submitt them selves unto this House for their sayd offence. It is agreed nowe that either of them shall paye x^s to the Common Chambre.

fo. 134b.

Provision for the M.P.'s.

Certificate of 300 soldiers from York and Ainsty.

5 October 28 Elizabeth (1586). *Present*—Henry May, Mayor, 10 Aldermen, 11 of the xxiv.

Agreed that the Burgesses now nominated shall have suche allowannce as other Burgesses have heretofore hadd, both for them selves and their men, and they to have suche further consideracon and allowannce at their retorne as the Lord Maior, Aldermen and Previe Counsell shall thinke good.

To the righte honourable Henrye, Earle of Huntington, her Majesties Lieutenant Generall and Lorde President of the honourable Counsell in the Northe parties.

We Henrye Maye, Lord Maior of the Cittye of York, and the Aldermen of the sayd Cittye, do certifie unto your Honour that accordinge unto your Honours Commaundement, we have put in (*fo. 135b*) redines, within the Cittie of Yorke and Wapentake of thainstie, three hundrethe hable men, wherof fower skoore and tenne pick men with corselettes; one hundrethe and fiftie callyvers; thirtie bill men with jackes and furniture; and thirtie bowmen with sheaves of arrowes and furniture as followethe.¹

¹ On folios 135-145 are the names and equipment of men from the parishes in York, and those of the townships of the Ainsty.

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fo. 145b.

Bridge repair at Acaster Malbis.**Fairs:**

21 October 28 Elizabeth (1586). *Present*—Henry May, Mayor, 5 Aldermen, 4 of the xxiv.

(fo. 146). Cuthbarte Fairfaxe, gentleman, appeared before theis presentes and demaunded for the townshippe of Acaster Malbis allowans for fyve bridges their, whiche, he saythe, they latelye repared. Wherupon it is nowe aggreed, that the same bridges shalbe viewed on moneday next by Mr. Raulfe Richardson and Mr. Birkbie, Aldermen, and then upon their reporte consideracon to be hadd therof.

Agreed that Mr. Polaye shall have foure angells for his paynes in gettinge my Lordes Lieutenanntes lettres for the faires and for salte.

Agreed that accordinge to an agreament the last yeare, to proceed with the charter for faire.

Instructions for the Burgesses.

In primis for the Commission for consealed landes. Item, for the Commission for bounderinge of landes, laytlye taken of the Quenes Majestie by lease. Item for the landes at Naborne. Item that like proviso maye be for this Cittye, as is for London and Norwiche for takinge of apprinteces. Item to procede for the obtayninge of the charter for faires, and kylnes to be left out.

fo. 147b.

Supposed concealed lands.

A note of certaine landes and tenementes supposed to be concealed, 23 September 1586.

Civitas Ebor.

John Broket, notarie publique, one cotage and one gardinge in Davigaite in the Cittye of Yorke of the yearlie rente of iiij^s

Humfray Ellis, Thomas Gibson and John Syddall, church wardens of Alhallowes in the Pavement doe present one cotage, beinge without Miclegate barre, late in the tenor of John Trewe, and one other cotage without Lathropp postron, in the suburbes of the said Cittie in the tenor of George Morgan.

William Hewley and Thomas Harieson, church wardens of St. Martines in Coni strete, doe present two cotages, one in the occupacon of Peter Williamson, sadler, and thother in the occupacon of James Williamson.

Raulfe Iles and Christofer Place, churchwardins of St. Saviours doe presente two cotages belonginge to the parishe church of Saint Saviours lyinge and adjoyninge upon Peazholme Grene of the yearlie rent of iiij^s

Item one other cotage lying there of the yearlie rent of ij^s.

The churchwardens of St. Maurice parishe doe presente one tenemente in the occupacon of uxor Bentlye.

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Item one cotage in the occupacon of Jane Young, vid at the farr end of Monk brig.

Item one tenemente in the occupacon of William Calome belonginge to the mason dewe.

(fo. 148).

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One cotage in Huton Wandesley, one barne, one litle crofte conteyning by estimacon one rude, and common of pasture in the tenor of Richard Dighton, the rent iiij^s

One other cotage in Marston with a garth conteyninge by estimacon halfe an acre, with common therunto belonging, in the tenure of Richard Dighton.

William Charter dother presente one close called Norman leas in the L. of Bilbroughe in the occupacon of Dorothe Appleyard.

William Post and Thomas Myers of Bolton doe present one acre of arable lande in Appleton, in the occupacon of William Hill given to Bolton church for maintening of a light.

John Creswick and others the churchwardens of St. Helenes Stonegate doe presente two tenementes, now in the occupacon of Thomas Dobson, lyinge in Davigate in the said Citie.

(fo. 150). 22 November 29 Elizabeth (1586).

Agreed that Mr. Records advise shall be taken at his home comminge as towchinge the procedinge with the Commission for concealed landes and landes in Naborne.

fo. 150b. **Assessment of Bootham Ward: Non-freemen.**

Refusal to pay a fine.

25 November 29 Elizabeth (1586). *Present*—Henry May, Mayor, 9 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 8 of the xxiv.

The inhabitantes of Bowthome warde were nowe assessed for and towards the payment of certen this Cittie chardges.

Agreed that a note of all straingers not sessed shalbe mayd and some appoynted to take with them to knowe what they will geve of their owne free wills.

Thomas Mason, hatter, came before theis presentes, and beyng demanded to put in bonnd with surityes for the payment of liⁱ for his fyne assessed upon him for beinge dispensed of Sheriffshippe, accordinge to the order their for latelye mayd. (fo. 151). And forsomuche as the sayd Thomas Mason dothe utterlye refuse to performe the sayd order: it is agreed that he shalbe forthwith comitted to warde in the preson, called the Counter, and their to remayne untill he will performe the same order.¹

fo. 153b.

Stealing and receiving.

9 December 29 Elizabeth (1586).

The examinacon of Anne Alleyley, spinster, for stealinge and conveyinge of an old dublett, a paire of doublett sleeves, three sheetes

¹ Mason paid his fine of £50 on 2 December; £13-6-8 was returned to him.

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and one olde coverlette, forthe of the howse of Leonard Alleley, her father, was redd; and likewise the examinatons of Richard Burrell and Margaret Smithe for recettinge of the same goodes were also redd; (*fo.* 154) and wheras one — Read, wife of John Read, was pryvye to the conveyinge of the same parcells; it is theirfore agreed that all the sayd persons shalbe whipped to morrowe aboute the Cittye, and then have their hands tyed in manacles which be sett at the Barres.

fo. 162. **Lease of ground in Coney Street.**

13 January 29 Elizabeth (1586-7).

Agreed that Mr. Alderman Maye, nowe Lord Maior, shall have a leas for terme of xl yeares of and in the ground lyenge on Coniestreet betwene three buttryes of the parishe church of St. Martins in Coniestreet, yeildinge therfore yearlye ijs, with a proviso for none payment theiroyf; and he to buyld upon the same, so that he buylde not to the stoppage of the light of the church, nor to buyld further into the streete them shalbe sett down by Mr. Harbert and Mr. Jackson, Aldermen.

fo. 164b. **Brewers Ordinance.**

18 January 29 Elizabeth (1586-7). *Present*—Henry May, Mayor, 10 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 11 of the xxiv.

Agreed that the wardens of everye ward shall assemble themselves to gether on frydaye next, and call before them in their severall wardes all the inholders, brewers and tiplers in their severall wardes, and they to take notes who are allowed, who not, and whome they do thinke fitt to conteneue brewinge and tiplinge, and who meete to be dischargd, and what number are requesit for everye parishe, and note howe and at what pryces they do sell in grosse or by retale, and to declare the them the prices this daye sett downe. And the sayd wardens to certifie their doinges with all convenient speed into this Courte, notinge especiallie all suche as do brewe verye stronge drynke, and have resorte in their howses in service and sermon tyme and also such as doo brewe and tiple without license.

Agreed that the brewers of ale within this Citteye shall from henceforthe sell their ale for ijs vjd a soo. And everye soo to contayne seaven gallons out of the fatt. And everye tipler to sell his ale both within his howse and without, an ale gallon for vjd viz an ale quarte for jd ob, and a wyne quarte for a pennye; and the bere brewer (*fo.* 164b) to sell his best beare for iijd a gallon.

Agreed that no brewer of ale shall brewe anye ayle by lesse quantitey at one tyme then a quarter and a halfe of malt.

Agreed that no inholder shall brewe his beare at a greater rate then the assisse, whiche is this daye sett downe for the common brewer. And further that the inholders, brewers and tiplers shall observe and performe all suche orders and articles as are sett downe in the brewers ordinale.

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Agreed that no inhabitant within this Cyttye shall at anye tyme from henceforthe brewe anye ale or beare for his owne house, by lesse quantity then iiij bushells of malt at one tyme upon payne of vjs vijs for everye offence to be payd to the Common Chambre and the presente equallie

fo. 166b. **Grant of a Coat of Arms to the City.**

A dead Mare.

1 February 29 Elizabeth (1586-7). *Present*—Henry May, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 5 of the xxiv.

My Lord Maior shewed the Armes of this Citty, drawne upon parchmente, whiche my L. Maior (*fo.* 167) declared to theis presentes that he hadd receaved from Mr. Somerskales, the Quenes Majesties Harald at Armes; wherupon it is nowe agreed that the sayd Mr. Somerskales shall have in reward for his paynes lxvjs viij^d to be payd forth with by the Chamberlaynes.

(*fo.* 167). Aggreed that Walter Sympson, glover, shall have xs in recompence of his meare that was taken post for Sir Edward Haistings, which meare is nowe dead, and the same to be payd by the Chamberlaynes.

fo. 168. **Mayoral possession handed to Mayor-elect.**

3 February 29 Elizabeth (1586-7). *Present*—Henry May, Mayor, Ralph Richardson, Mayor-elect; William Hillyard, Recorder, 11 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 7 of the xxiv.

Assembled in the Counsell Chamber upon Owsbrige, when and wheare my Lord Maior haith delivered to oure newe Maister the seales of office of Maioraltie and Statute Merchant with keyes their unto annexed, and one litle seale for sealinge of Pasports, and also fourtye pounds called Girdlington money, and other xlii latelye geven to this Corporacon by Mr. Drewe, gent, deceased. And the basin and ewer of silver, parcell gilt, of Sir Martin Bowes gifte, and one other basin and ewer of sylver, parcell guylt of Thomas Metcalfe bequest, and two leverey potts of sylver, one pott of sylver with a cover guilt, of Mr. Tanckard, late Recorder, his bequest. (*fo.* 168b). One nest of gobletts, doble guilt, and two great salts of sylver with a cover, doble guilt, of the gifte of Mr. John Dyneley, late Alderman, deceased; and also one other pott of sylver guilt, of the gifte of Mr. Crestofer Maltbye, late Alderman, deceased; and also one sylver boole, parcell gilt, latelye brought from St. Thomas house; and also the skarlett clookes.

fo. 172. **Poor relief.**

13 February 29 Elizabeth (1586-7). *Present*—Ralph Richardson, Mayor, William Hillyard, Recorder, 10 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 12 of the xxiv.

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Aggreed that Mr. Wardens, havinge with them the constables, shall before frydaye next make a viewe of all undersettles and poore within their severall wardes, at the howses of everye of them, and to knowe who is their landslords, and howe longe they have contynewed, and who is meete to be releved, and who is mete to be sett on worke; and to make certificate theirof at the next assemble of this House.

(fo. 172b.) Agred that no herings shalbe put to sale before such tyme as they be gaged and packed by the cowpers, and the gagers marke, who packed the same, to be sett on the same, according to the Statute.

(fo. 174.) 20 February 29 Elizabeth (1586-7). *Present*—Ralph Richardson, Mayor, William Hillyard, Recorder, 7 Aldermen, 8 of the xxiv.

Agreed that the warden of everye ward shall with all convenient speed go to the howses of all suche poore people as they latelye viewed, and to take order with suche as they thinke mete to be releved, what they will be contented to take and keepe their owne howses. And they to take order for the releife and settinge of worke the poore children and to knowe what their parents will take to keepe them at worke, and to certifie their doinges before mondaye next.

fo. 174b. **Poor people to be first served on market days.**

Rules for sale of Corn

22 February 29 Elizabeth (1586-7). *Present*—Ralph Richardson, Mayor, William Hillyard, Recorder, 6 Aldermen, 3 of the xxiv.

Agreed that two of the eldest Aldermen shall to morow attend on the markett to se the poore served. And so other two the next markett daye, and so everie markett two. And they to take order that no badgers buye anye corne, either to be convayed by water or land, but by reasonable quantitie, and that quantitie, and the daye and price to be written on his lycense. And they to see the poore served before anye Cittezens; and then straingers. And no badgers be suffred to buye anye corne but suche as have licenses.

Agreed and so geven in chardge to suche as have corne to be sould within this Cittye, that none of them shall selle (fo. 175) anie corne by anie great quantitie, then by two peckes at one tyme to Cittezens onelie, and not to straingers, and they to sell no more to that person till sex dayes be added, without a tickett from the Wardens of that warde, wher the owner of the corne dwelleth. And that the sayd persons shall not sell anye maner of corne or malte to anye straingers without a tickett from the sayd Wardens.

fo. 175b. **Price of Ale.**

Armour and equipment in York and Ainsty to be inspected.

27 February 29 Elizabeth (1586-7). *Present*—Ralph Richardson, Mayor, William Hillyard, 7 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 6 of the xxiv.

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Agreed that the Common Brewers shall brewe ale after the rate of iij^s the soo and not above.

Agreed that the Wardens of everye ward shall viewe all suche armor and furniture as certayne persons within this Cittye were latelye chardged withall by Commission from Henry Earle of Huntington, L. Lieutenant in the Northe parties in somer last and they to certyfie all suche defalter as they fynd before Satterdaye next.

Agreed that my L. Maior shall send some discret persone into the Ainstie to viewe the furniture there.

(fo. 176). Agreed that all inholders, table keepers vitlelars, taverners, alehowses keepers and bouchers shalbe commaunded to appeare before the Lord Maior and Aldermen on frydaye next at eight of the clocke at the Common Hal.

fo. 176b.

St. Anthony's Hall.

3 March 29 Elizabeth (1586-7). *Present*—Ralph Richardson, Mayor, William Hillyard, Recorder, 7 Aldermen, 6 of the xxiv.

John Plomer, late maister of St. Antonyes hospitall, dyd present a bill of chardges into this Courte, concerninge certayne expenses which he hadd bestowed in the dynner, reparacons and other chardges more then was bestowed other yeares, and more then the stocke of the hospitall would extend unto, which bill dyd amounte in the whole to eleaven poundes and twelve pence. It is agreed that the sayd Plomer shall have allowed unto him three poundes thirtene shillinges and eight pence, parcell of the sayd bill, for the chardges of reparacons of the sayd howse, one chist and a ladder bought for the use of the sayd house.

fo. 177b.

No begging allowed.

Householders not to help people at their doors.

8 March 29 Elizabeth (1586-7). *Present*—Ralph Richardson, Mayor, 5 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 7 of the xxiv.

Agreed that the constables of everye parisshe shall from tyme to tyme from henceforth take all suche persons as they fynd begginge within their parissches, and ymediatlie to bringe them before the Wardens of their ward at their discrecon. And also that the sayd constables shall presentlye geve straight chardge to all householders in their severall parissches that they do not serve anye poore people at their dores but to send their devocon to the poore people in their parish or otherwise as they shall be disposed (fo. 178). And further that the sayd constables shall weklie certifie to the Wardens of their ward what poore people and undersettles do come into their parishe to dwell, and the names of all poore people dyenge or goinge awaye.

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fo. 180b.**Bellman's Petition.**

22 March 29 Elizabeth (1586-7).

Upon the humble peticon made by John Tomlinson, belman of this Cittye, it is aggreed that from henceforth the sayd John shall crye and geve open notice of the prices of all such wood, cole, turves and other things, which shall hereafter be prised at the Stayth of this Cittye, by the Lord Maior for the tyme beinge; and the owners of suche goods prised to paye suche dewtyes for the cryenge of the same, as hath bene accustomed.

fo. 182.**Stealing Poultry.****Present for the Earl of Huntingdon.**

7 April 29 Elizabeth (1587). *Present*—Ralph Richardson, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 6 of the xxiv.

The examinacon of John Hodgshon of Bolton Pearcie, towching the taking of one turky henne which he haith confessed that he did steale from Robert Francke of Bolton, gent, was redd. And likewise the examinacon of William Marshall, late of Newton upon Ouse, towching 7 hennes and 2 capons, whiche he confessed he did steale from Georg Dalby, gent, was also redd. And wheras the sayd offences seamed to be donne upon necessities, it is agreed the sayd offenders shalbe whipped upon satterday next about this Cittie.

(*fo.* 182b.) Agreed that my L. President shall have a tonne of wyne as a present geven, to be provided forthwith.

fo. 183b.**Post Horses.**

28 April 29 Elizabeth (1587). *Present*—Ralph Richardson, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 9 of the xxiv.

For as muche as George Goodyere dyd take his horse from thofficer, which should have served my Lord President; and for takinge his horse forth of the stable of John Stephenson, inholder, which should (*fo.* 184) have served Sir Henrye Constable Knight, nowe Sherriffe of Yorke Shier, to ryde post upon; and also the said George refusinge to come to my Lord Maior, beinge sent for by an officer, beinge walkinge on the Staithe; theirfore it is nowe agreed that the sayd George shalbe comitted againe to prison to the Counter.

fo. 185.**Lease of Clementhorpe Mill.**

3 May 29 Elizabeth (1587). *Present*—Ralph Richardson, Mayor, William Hillyard, Recorder, 6 Aldermen, 4 of the xxiv.

Edwarde Helme and Alice Craven, widow, appeared in this Courte, and made sewt to have a lease of the wynd milne, called Clementhorpe milne of the rent of iijs iiij^d. And wheras the sayd Edward shewed a lease of the same mylne from her Majestie, dated after the leas graunted of the sayd milne emongst other thinges to this Corporacon, which leas is estimed to this Court not to be good;

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and wheras before the sayd Helme made sewt for the saide milne to the said Lord Maior and Aldermen; the said Lord Maior, Aldermen and Prevye Counsell did graunt a lease of the sayd milne to Nicholas Carter, milner, in respecte that the sayd Helme would not geve knowledge of the sayd mylne to the sayd Lord Maior and Aldermen, for terme of xx yeares; yet in consideracon that the sayd Edward Helme did surender about seaven yeares in an old leas, as he haith, the sayd Lord Maior and Aldermen dyd offer to the sayd Helme that he (*fo.* 185b) should have xxxvi^s viij^d yearlie duringe the sayd seaven yeares, and the sayd Carter should contenewe with the posession of the said milne for his terme graunted, payinge such rente as he haith agreed to paye; and the sayd Helme dyd refuse the sayd offer, yett he haith further tyme geven to consider whether he will stand to this order or not.

fo. 185b.

Report on Tang Hall lands.

A viewe made of Tang Hall the first of Maye 1587 by Mr. Thomas Appleyard, Mr. Andrewe Trewe, Aldermen, Mr. Persyvall Brooke, Mr. Thomas Moseley, Christofer Smithson and George Tyrrye.

Firste, that the sayd closes shalbe from henceforth fenced from sheepe at Martinmas yerely and from all catell at Candlemas in like manner.

(*fo.* 186). Also that my Lord Maior and Sheriffes shall not have anie sheepe goinge their untill the ground is generallye broken, and shalbe in choise whether they will have xxvj^s viij^d allowed in moneys for xx^{tie} sheep or putt in iiij kyne or two horses for their jeast at suche tymes as other doth putt into the same ground, and if they choise sheepe to putt in wethers and no ewes and lambes, for that we fynd at this present tyme xlv ewes and most parte of them have lambes.

Also that the hedges and ditches shalbe presentlye repared by the Chamber, and then a fitt man, beinge a laborer appointed to keep and mayntayne them and to dwell in the house, and to have wages and one cove gate, when the grounds are broken and to be bound for to sell a certen quantitie of quicke wood taken everye yere in the owte fences, and not to kepe a tiplinge house.

Also that eight, sex or four oversears and keepers shalbe appointed, viz.: Aldermen, the fower and twentye and Commons, and they to viewe at their pleasure, and to have some allowance, as the profitt shall redowned to the Common Chamber, for their paynes; and a certane number of cattell to be appointed to be taken in at their discessions, so as the grownd be not overlayd; and all the oversears to be previe in the takinge in of the cattell.

The said groundes being well used as aforesaid will bere three skoore kyne at vj^s viij^d the cove, and fourtye horses at x^s the horse, and we will undertake, this beinge graunted, to serve them well.

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fo. 187.

Murder suspect. Concealed land.

5 May 29 Elizabeth (1587). *Present*—Ralph Richardson, Mayor, 5 Aldermen, 6 of the xxiv.

Agreed that wheras John Pearson, keilman, is in preson upon suspecte concerninge the death of Nicholas Allen, who was latelye drowned, and wheras Mr. Dodsworthe beinge the L. Admirall deputie, requerethe the delyverye of the sayd Pearson to remaine in his custodye; it is agreed that the said Dodsworthe shall have libertie to examyne the sayd Pearson concerninge the said cause, at what place he will within the Cittie of Yorke so that he be restored againe to the preson on Ousebridge.

(fo. 187b). Agreed that Mr. Belt shall with all expedicon deliver a lettre from the Lord Maior to the Lord Treasurer and that he shall procure a Commission for findinge of certane landes supposed to be concealed within the Cittye of Yorke and Ainstie of the same.

fo. 187b.

Concealed lands.

A note of certaine landes and tenements supposed to be concealed from her Majestie in the Cittye of Yorke.

Firste, the occupacon of cordiners doe presente one tenemente with appurtenaunces in Hungate, wherin they make their assembles.

Item four litle tenements in St. Dionis parishe, wherin they keepe impotente and poore people.

Item Robert Brooke, Alderman, Governor of the Merchantes in Yorke, Leonard Beckwith and Thomas Harbert, wardens of the sayd companie, doe presente Trenitye Hall, wherin they make their assemble, and wherin they keepe a greate manye impotente persons and dyvers other tenementes belonginge to the merchaunts.

(fo. 188). Item Cristofer Harbert, Alderman, dothe presente two tenements.

Item John Brockett doth present one cotage and one gardinge. Humfray Ellis and others, the churchwardens of Al Hallowes on the Pavemente, do present two cotages.

The churchwardens of St. Saviours parishe do present two litle cotages.

The churchwardens of St. Maurice parishe do present two tenements and one cotage.

Item John Creswicke dothe present two tenements.

Item one cotage in Christ parishe is presented.

The churchwardens in Trenities in Goodramgate doo present one tenemente, a garth and a cotage.

The churchwarden of Crux parish do present two tenements.

Item Robert Pearson dothe present two acres of medowe, and one litle close conteyninge an acre.

Item Roberte Swinbancke doth present fouer litle cotages.

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Item their is also presented one other tenemente in Bushipphill newer.

The churchwardens of Trenities in Micklegate do present a tenement and a garthe.

Edward Fawcett and Parcivall Brooke doe present a tenemente and a garthinge in St. Gregories and St. Martines parish.

Item they do present St. Willfrids parsonage and house, and a garthinge and an orchard.

Richard Whittington, Nycolas Hall and Richard Syddall do present twelve litle tenements with appurtenaunces and two garthings.

(fo. 188b). Edward Fawcett and Percivall Brooke do presente Sainte Anthonies Hall, wherin divers occupacons do assemble them selves, and wherin a great manye poore people are placed.

Ther is allso one tenemente in Walmegate presented.

William Graves doth present a litle tenemente.

Andrewe Trewe, Alderman, doth present one hospitall or house wherin poore people are placed, a chappell and a litle garth.

The Maister and companye of Drapers and Talors in this Cittie of Yorke do presente the Talors Hall, wherin the sayd Companye do assemble them selves, and diverse landes and tenementes to the same Hall and Companye belonginge.

Robert Newarke and William Wright do present one chappell, one rode of meadowe, one chantrie house, one litle close, once acre of land, one litle tenement, and two closes.

Item one cotage and a litle barne and a litle croft is presented.

Item one cotage and a litle garth is presented.

William Post doth present one acre of land.

William Wright doth present one acre and two rodes of land.

Their is also presented a chappell, a tenemente with a crofte and fyve acres of land, other two tenements and a garth; and a passage or ferry.

Robert Shawe dothe present two closes to be concealed.

(fo. 189). Thomas Dye and Thomas Asquith do present fyve tenements, fyve garthes or crofts theirunto belonginge in the severalle tenures of Henrye Holdesworthe, Richard Ellerker, Robert Middleton, Percivall Barnes and John Smith.

Item sex cotages in the severall tenures of John Creswicke, Katherine Stephenson, George Shadlocke, Edward Bury, William Bowman and John Wrightson.

Item two tenements in Castlegate.

Item one cotage in Colliargate in the tenure of Matthew Pearson.

fo. 189b. **Letter to the Lord Treasurer of England, Lord Burleigh.**

Our most bownden dewtie to your good Lordshipp remembred; wheras we heretofore for ease and quiet of our selves and other the inhabitants within the said Cittie of Yorke and the Ainstie therof

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compounded with Sir James Croft, her Majesties comptroller, for the concealed lands as shalbe found within the same, and before any enquiry maid, his patent for those causes was eyther staid or called in, wherby we have not as yet reaped any benefit by the same; we are theirfor humblie to desier your Lordshipp to stand our good Lord, that we may have a Comission to enquier of certane landes and tenements supposed to be concealed within the same Cittie and Ainstie, and so delivered unto us by the owners and occupiers therof or their consent, who shall have the same againe at our hands for such reasonable rates as shalbe to their contentments. And what order your Honor shall thinke meete herin to be observed by us, we shall most willinglie, according to our dewtie, observe the same, to your Worshippes satisfacon. Thus we cease any further to trouble your Honor, comitting the same to the tuicon of the Almyghtie. York the xth of May 1587.

Your Honors ever to comaund

Rauphe Rychardson Lord Maior.

fo. 190.

Letter to the Mayor of Grimsby.

After my hartie comendacons; wheras I am enformed by certane of the Cittizens of this Cittie of Yorke, that you have of late by your officers or others by your comaundement, demaunded of them certane somes of money for halage, ringage, grindage and ankaraidge, which before haith not bene demaunded or paid; and taken their goods for the same; wherin, I thinke, you have offred us some discortesie, and geven them just cause of sewt to take their goodes for such somes not before accustomed to be paid; and yet they and others before them enjoying the like libertie and benefit in your fare that they now use, and also by our auntient chartres, if you had such dewties of others we are dischargd therof. And for that I and my Brethren rather seek peace and quietnes with yow, then contention and sewtes, I thought good in the behalf of my self and the rest of the Cittizens, to desyer you to let them have their goods so taken, againe, and to use the libertie and benefit of your haven as heretofore they and others of our Cittie have donne; and if you thinke you have right to have the said somes demaunded, that you wold by your lettre certifie your mynd therin, and by what graunte, custome or lawe yow clame them, which if I cannot sufficientlie dischargd I shall make you such reasonable aunswere as I think shall content you. And thus I comit you to God. Yorke xij of May 1587.

Your loving freind
Raphe Rychardson
Maior.

fo. 194b.

Whitsun Fair. M.P.'s Expenses.

31 May 1589. *Present*—Ralph Richardson, Mayor, William Hillyard, Recorder, 6 Aldermen, 6 of the xxiv.

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Agreed that accordinge to the aunciant custome the fayer shalbe kept within this Cittie on Whitson mondaye next comminge; and the same fayer to begine at fyve of the clocke before none, and to contynewe untill nyne of the clocke in the after none of the same daye. And that the Sheriffes of this Cittye shall, ymediatlie before the begininge of the sayd fayer, cause proclamacon to be made of the same fayer accordnglye. And that the sayd Sheriffes shall appoynte one sufficient person to keepe one booke and to enter in the same all horses, mares, geldinges and colts, whiche shalbe their sould, exchaunged, geven, contracted or putt awaye duringe the tyme of the sayd faire, with the names, surnames and dwellinge places of the payers and sellers theirof, and other things, accordinge to the statute in that case provided. And also that the (*fo.* 195) sayde Sheriffes shall then publishe by proclamacon in what place the sayd person so to be appointed to keepe the sayd booke shall be and remaine duringe the tyme of the sayd faire, to the ende that suche buyers and sellers maye knowe whether and to whome to resorte for the cause aforesayd. And also that the keeper of the sayd bookes shall take one pennye for everye such entrie for his labore in writinge and entringe for the same.

(*fo.* 196). Agreed that Mr. Roberte Brooke, one of the Burgesses shall have after the rate of vjs viij^d the daye for his diet duringe bothe sessions at the last Parliament; and also that he shall have fyve poundes in rewarde for his paynes takinge aboute the previe seale and the Commission for salt over and besydes his other chardges by him disbursed as appeareth by his bill.

fo. 196b.

Midsummer Show.

14 June 29 Elizabeth (1587). *Present*—Ralph Richardson, Mayor, William Hillyard, Recorder; 2 Aldermen, 4 of the xxiv.

Agreed that on Midsomer even next accordinge to the custome, everye Cittezen beinge hable men shall attend on Mr. Sheriffes in their best araye and furniture with their servants, upon payne of everye one beinge absent to forfeite vjs viij^d without mitigacon; and that warrants shalbe made to that effecte accordnglye; and that the sayd Sheriffes to have suche allowens theirfore they hadd the last yeare and to be redye at sex of the clocke in the forenone.

fo. 198b. **Order for 14 soldiers. Soldiers to be prepared.**

The State is to provide part of equipment.

21 June 29 Elizabeth 1587. *Present*—Ralph Richardson, Mayor, 5 Aldermen, 5 of the xxiv.

A Comission for levienge and havinge in redynes of fourtene hable and servicable men within the Cittie and Ainstie of the same Cittie of Yorke, was nowe redd; the tenor wherof hereafter followinge word by worde, viz.:

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Wheras I have lately receaved lettres from her Majestie and am therin commaunded to levie 400 footemen in the Countie of Yorke with all the speed that maye be to be employed in her Majesties service: theis shall be to require your L. and the rest of the Aldermen, your bretheren, to make presente choice of 14 hable and servicable men within the Cittye and Ainstye of York, towards the number of the sayd 400, and to have them in redynes upon tuesdaye next (*fo.* 199). And wheras in other services the Countrie haith bene wonted to be chardged with the furniture of armour, nowe her Highnes havinge a gracious consideracon of the chardges and dearthe, wherunto this Countrie haith bene lately subjecte, her Highnes is pleased to furnishe all the men with coates and armor, so as you are to provide nothings for them but sword and hoose which suerlye in my opinion shall be well done to bestowe upon them that are not sufficientlye furnished therewith of themselves. And because of this favour whiche her Majestie vouchesafethe in easinge the Countrie of the armor and coats, yt is expected that the more caire should be shewed in choice of the men to see that they maye be able and meete men for servis; and in this choice their must not anye of theis men be taken which were heretofore trayned; order must be taken that x^s in money maye be in redynes for everye man, but not to be delyvered unto them without further direction. In anye case I would require you to take suche order that her Majestie's gracious care of her subjects, whome she would have to be in no sorte overchardged, maye be the better knowne unto them, and that the burthen of this servis maye not be layd, but upon suche persons as are in deed hable to beare it, and to omitt others whiche have bene but now are not hable to contribute to the same. This matter in this deare tyme, requirethe both more lovinge care, and some more paynes to be taken then haith happellie bene used in like services heretofore. Lustie younge men, which have no chardge of househould, are most fitt for this service. Thus I do committ your L. and the rest of your Brethren to Gods mercifull tuicon at Yorke the xvijth of June 1587

Your lovinge frend
H. Huntington

fo. 200b.

The collection for the poor.

3 July 29 Elizabeth 1587. *Present*—Ralph Richardson, Mayor, William Hillyard, Recorder, 11 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 9 of the xxiv.

Agreed that the collectors for the poore of everye parishe for this last yeare shalbe called in before my L. Maior and Aldermen, to bring in their accompts and notes of all persons within their severall parishes, whiche are behind with the collecon for the poore, together with the same persons; viz. Micklithward this day at one of the clocke in the afternone at St. Martyns churche in Miclegate; and Bothome ward and Monke ward to morowe at viij of the clocke

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in the fore none of the same day at the Counsell Chamber upon Ousebridge; and Walmgate ward, at one of the clocke in the after noon of the same daie at the same place. (*fo.* 201). And that commandement shalbe gyven forthwith to all the said collectours and persons accordyngly; and that commandement shalbe also forthwith gyven to the said late collectours for the poore of every parishe to be at the place aforesaid, to thentent that newe collectours may be appoynted for every the said parishes for the next yere. And further that the constables of every parishe bothe of this yere and the last yere shalbe also commanded to appere at the said places and to bryng with theym their precepts for the restraunte of the poore.

Agreed that the wardens of every warde shall with all convenient spede make diligent searche and inquirye of all suche persons as harbour or have placed any strange poore or undersettells in their severall wardes; and to take order at their discrecons as well for the punnysshing of the landlords as for the avoidyng of suche undersettles.

fo. 204b. **Price of corn. The Archbishop's toll at Otley.**

21 July 29 Elizabeth (1587). *Present*—Ralph Richardson, Mayor, 4 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 7 of the xxiv.

Agreed that no manner of person or persons within this Cittie which haith anie corne to sell shall sell anye rye above iiij^s viij^d a bushell, and that at three of the clocke in this after none all the (*fo.* 205) bakers shall be called and examined upon their oathes, what store of corne they have, and enjoyned to bake their bread after iiij^s viij^d a bushell, and that the merchants and suche as have corne shall not sell any greater quantitie to badgers¹ then one bushell at once, but shall sell the same by bushells, pecks and half peckes to the poore people, as need shall requier, upon pane to forfait x^s for every bushell sold above the said rate.

Agreed that Mr. Alderman Asquith, Mr. Alderman Trewe and Mr. Leonard Belt shall repare to my Lord Archbishopp his Grace as towching one distres, which was latelie left at Otley with the baliffes or steward there, for toll which he demaundeth of the Cittizins of Yorke, there to entreat with his Grace frelie to deliver the said distres, and that from henceforth the Cittizens may be free from paying any toll there, or els that his Grace will permit the matter to come to tryall by course of comon lawe.

fo. 206b. **Equipping soldiers. Additions to the Porters' Ordinal.**
Dilapidated house.

28 July 29 Elizabeth (1587). *Present*—Ralph Richardson, Mayor, 5 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 5 of the xxiv.

Agreed that the some of xxviij^{li} latelie disbursed by the Chamberlanes for the furnishing of fowertene soldyers latelie levied

¹ Badgers. Hucksters, pedlars.

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and set forward into her Majesties warres in the lowe contryes shalbe assessed on Wednesday next, upon suche persons as were about Michaelmas last charged towards the furnishing of three hundrethe hable men in the Cittie and Ainstie.

Agreed that two articles followinge shalbe added to the porters ordinall—viz. It is ordaigned and agreed that every of the porters that now are or hereafter shalbe porters of the said Cyttie shall trewlie, faithfullie and honestlie deliver all suche goodes, wares and merchandize and other stuffe, as they shall at any tyme here after receyve at the Staith or els where unto suche person or persons as ought to have or receyve the same, without imparing, taking, conveying or imbecilling any part or parcell of the same goods. And that the said porters shall not repaire to any houses or other places or make any stay by the way in the tymes of their cariadg save onelie for resting them selves upon some stall or other places in the open streete upon payne of xx^s for every offence.

(*fo.* 207). Also agreed and ordaigned that if the searchers of the said porters do at any tyme conceale any of the said offences or be negligent in presenting the same that then every such searcher so offending shall forfait xx^s.

Memorandum that this seventeenth daie of Julie (1587) Raulf Richardson, Lord Maior, Crestofer Harbert, Heugh Graves, Robert Asquith, William Robinson and Robert Brooke, Aldermen, by Thomas Parker, cordyner, one of the sergiants to the Sheriffs of the Cittie of Yorke, maid proclamacon in manner and forme followyng, upon such decaied howses and waist groundes as hereafter is mentioned viz. in and upon the same waist grounds and decaied houses according to the statute in that case provided viz.

Raulf Richardson, Lord Maior of the Cittie of Yorke doth will and comand in the Quene Majesties name that the owners or possessors of void and decaied ground do rectifie and buyld the same with a sufficient howse on the same within such tyme and upon such penaltie as are contaned in the statute in that case provided.¹

fo. 209.

Jurors for concealed lands.

2 August 29 Elizabeth (1587). *Present*—Ralph Richardson, Mayor, 6 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 3 of the xxiv.

Agreed that on Monday next at viij of the clocke in the forenone the jurors for concealed lands and certane other persons shalbe warned to appere before the Comissioners and they to shewe their evidences touching the tenor and title of their land.

Six post horses to be maintained.

It is agreed that Mathewe Walton shall for one whole yeare next keepe sex post horses within this Cittye, for the service of the

¹ On folios 207b to 208b follows a list of 27 places in York on which rebuilding is to take place.

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Quenes Majestie and her subjects for her Majesties service; and that the sayd Mathew shall allwayes have these sex horses redye in and for her Majesties service. And he to have tenne poundes payd hym by this Corporacon for the mayntenaunce of this charge for one yeare next cominge, the one halfe to be payed to him in hand, and thother halfe at ———¹, and the sayd Mathewe to be bound with two sufficient sewerties for the contynewall keepinge of sex good and sufficient post horses for the service aforesayd (*fo.* 211) for one whole yeare nexte. And it is further agreed that if the sayd Mathewe shall not be willinge to serve for the sayd yeare; then he upon a quarterlie warninge their of to be geven to my Lord Maior for the tyme beinge to be dischargd of the sayd service; of if the Lord Maior and Aldermen shall mislike of the sayd Mathewe his sayd service; than he also upon a quarters warninge to him their of to be given, to be like wise dischargd.

fo. 211b. **Collection of Tax. Pirates of Dunkirk.**

21 August 29 Elizabeth (1587). *Present*—Ralph Richardson, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 6 of the xxiv.

Agreed that two partes of the first whole fifteenth and tenth graunted in this present xxixth yeare of her Majesties reigne shall be collected and gathered.

And wheras the Maiors, Aldermen and Sheriffes of the townes of Hull and Newcastle upon Tyne did very lately write their lettres to the Lord Maior and Aldermen of this Citie, towching sewt to be maid to her Majestie for the repressyng of the attempts and spoiles of the Dunkirkers maid upon the subjects of this Realme. It is therfor agreed that this Cittie shall joyne with Hull and Newcastle, and other places about the obtaining of the said sewt. And about soliciting of the same the Lord Maior and Aldermen have sent Mr. Thomas Moseley, merchant. And now it is agreed that the charges of the said Mr. Moseley, in and about the obtaining of the premisses, shalbe borne and allowed of the Comon Chamber of this Cittie, in case the Corporacons of Newcastle, Hull and other places do the like, which if they do not, then the merchants of this Cittie is to beare the charges of the said Thomas Moseley.

Folios 212 to 213b contain the assessments of York parishes and Ainsty townships for the equipment of 14 soldiers for the war in the Low Countries.

fo. 215. **Order to the poor to stay indoors.**

13 September 29 Elizabeth (1587). *Present*—Ralph Richardson, Mayor, 5 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 5 of the xxiv.

Agreed that the officers, beedells for everye ward shall forthwith make their repaire to the howses of all the poore, whiche have anye releife, within their severall wardes, and to take with them the constables of everye parishe, within the same wards, and to chardge

¹ Blank.

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everye the sayd poore not to go abroode upon payne of losinge their reliefe; and that the sayd constables and beddells to take all suche the sayd poore as they shall find going abroad, and bringe them to my Lord Maior and Mr. Wardens of their severall wardes to be punnyshed.

(*fo.* 215b). And that everye the sayd constables do their dewties theirin accordinge to thorder latlye sett downe for that purpose, upon payne conteyned in the same order, wherof they hadd commaundement, as well by warrant from my Lord Maior, as by my Lord Maior and Justices at the last Generall Sessions.

fo. 217. **Letter from the Earl of Huntington.**

York to equip seven footmen for the Border.

15 September 29 Elizabeth (1587). *Present*—Ralph Richardson, Mayor, 9 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 3 of the xxiv.

To my loving frends the Lord Maior, Recorder and Aldermen of the Cittie of York.

After my hartie comendacons to your L. and to the rest of your Bretheren; where I have receyved a lettre from her Majestie for the levieng and furnishing of two hundreth foote men within the Countie of Yorke, to be imployed in her Majesties service uppon the borders, for defence of her Highnes subjects there against the spoyles and incursions comitted upon them by the Scotts; this shalbe to requier you, and by vertue of her Majesties Comission of Lieutenancie to me directed, to will and comaund you presentlie upon the recept hereof to furnishe seaven men with callyvers and all other furniture apperteyning unto them, and to have an especiall care, that bothe the said men may be very hable and sufficient, and that all their furniture may be very serviceable and good, so as ther maye no falt or exception be taken in your behalf. The said seaven men with all their furniture must not fale to be at Rippon the last of this instant, where one is appoynted at that tyme to receyve the chardge and conduction of them and others. Thus requiring your L^p and the rest to have an especiall care of the dewe performance of this service. I do comit you to the tuicon of the Almightye. From the Court at Otelands the viijth of September 1587.

Your L. loving friend
H. Huntynghton.

fo. 217b. **Earl of Huntington to the Mayor.**

The seven soldiers to have cassocks.

To my loving friends the L. Maior, Recorder and Aldermen of the Cittie of Yorke.

Thes shalbe to let your L. understand that I have written unto the Justices within the three severall Riddings to bestowe cassocks¹ upon the soldyers, whiche I did of late appoynt them to

¹ Cassocks—here horsemen's cloaks.

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levye to be sent unto the borders; and to geve them as much money in their purses as will cary them to Newcastle, so the poore men may have her Majesties allowance of cote and conduct mony, whiche is very small, clerelie in their purses when they come there. I have therfor thought good to desier your L. and your Bretheren to take the like order for your seaven men, which I have appoynted to be levied within the Cittie and Ainstie of York, and that your cassockes may be of the like stuffe which thos of the West ridding shall furnishe their men withall. From the Court at Otelands the xvj of September 1587. Your L. loving friend

H. Huntyngdon.

fo. 219b.

Declining value of subsidies.

22 September 29 Elizabeth (1587).

A lettre from the Quenes Majesties Counsell in the North parties; and also the copie of a letter from the Lordes of her Majesties Previe-Counsell and others, towching the decaye of the Subsidye, was redd.

To the honorable the Lord Maior of the Cittye of Yorke and the Aldermen of the same.

After our hartie commendacons; we have receyved letters from the Lords and others of her Majesties Prevye Counsell for a more provident care to be hadd in the assesment of the subsidies, the copies wherof we have sent youe inclosed; hopinge you will accomlishe the effects of the same; accordinge as duetye requireth at all our hands; and requiringe you not to faile therof, as you will answeere the contrarie at your perils, for if her Majesties subsidies shall growe still to decaye, it will geve an occasion of a loan, as you may perceave by the copies herein inclosed.

York this fite of September 1587

Your lovinge friends

W. Hillyard. Mathewe Hutton. Laurence Meres.
E. Storye. Robert Rokebye.

fo. 220.

Decline in tax returns, its cause and remedy.

After our verye hartye commendacons to your good L. her Majestie latelye understanding howe greatlye the vallew of the latter subsidies yielded unto her Highnes by Parliament are decaed, beinge farre inferior in valewe unto those that were aunswered and collected in the Kinge her fathers reigne, whiche exceded theis latter subsidies granted in her tyme almost one halfe in valewe, as by the recordes are manifest, on those that were granted in the Kinge her brothers, or in the Quene her systers tyme more than a third parte in totall valewe, and those granted in the begininge of her owne raigne exceded those of latter yeares in no small valewe; wherupon her Majestie haith thought it very strange to suche a varietye and

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so notable decayes from former tymes; consideringe the longe peace yt pleased God to blesse this Realme under her goverment withall, and howe greatlye the welth of her subjects in this Realme is therbye generallye encreased; and weighinge also howe necessarylie all the contributions yeilded to her Majestie have bene imployed for the preservacon of the whole State of this Realme, but above all other in the defence of the inestimable benefitt of the libertye of their consciences, by the contynuance of the Gospell. And theirfore her Majestie beinge carefull to searche out the cause of this decaye conceavethe that the same haith proceeded chieflye of the parcialitie of the Comissioners and others, the assessors by favouringe their frendes, tenaunts, allyes and retayners and most notably and apparrantlie throughe the parcialitye used in the taxation of them selves, the sayd Commissioners, haith for that purpose taken a view of the latter taxacons of the Commissioners in most parte of the Sheres of this realme, which she found so meane as some (*fo.220b*) of the said Commissioners, knowne by herselfe to be able in landes to dispend one thowsand poundes in yeare, were not taxed much above fiftie poundes, and others of two thowsande poundes, not above an hundrethe; wherof their are fewe as she was verye muche greeved withall, to see the good and bountifull offer of the Estats in her Parliament frustrated throughe the remissnes and parcialitye of thoise to whome the due execucon of their good and dutifull meaninge apperteyned. And as she would be loath to impute the sayd remissnes to proceed of lacke of love towards her, whom in all other their accons she haith found as lovinge and as dutifull as anye subjects in the world can showe them selves towards their Prince and Soveraigne; so is she sorye to se so great lacke of care in them for their owne preservacon and safetye, for which purposes the sayd contribucon are bothe yeilded and imployed especiallye in this tyme when the perills and daingers through the malice of the enymies bothe to God and her Majestie are so great and apparant, which ought to move all wise and dutifull subjects to have in this tyme an extraordinarye care therof. And theirfore her Majesties pleasure is that your Lordshippe shold notefye out of hand to the Commissioners through out all those Countyes under your jurisdiction, that in case this remissnes shall be by them redressed both in the taxinge of them selves, whose example would yearlie of them selves advance the service and in the nothable (*fo. 221*) corrupt favours shewed by the assessors towards such as are openlye knowne to be men of great welthe in livelyhood, that we should signifie unto you that she shall be forced for lacke of sufficient meanes otherwise to defraye the chardges she is presentlye forced to be at, to chardge suche as shalbe found manifestlye under valued, be they ether the Comissioners them selves or other inferior persons with loanes, as alwayes before her tyme hath bene often used, and to them the Comissioners may not ascribe that the decaye of the contribucons growethe thoughe the parcialitie of the sessors it is

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thought meet that accordinge to the Statute, wher they doubt anye suche parcialitye they shall chardge the sayd sessors upon their corporall othes for the better advancement of the service, or els by their discrecons sett suche fynes upon them as by the sayd Statute is appointed. And in this behalfe we are to lett you understand that her Majesties meaninge ys to thend she maye see what effecte of redresse this admoniton geven to you by us in her name shall worke, to peruse the severall certificats of the sayd taxacons, and accordinglie as she shall fynde her service ether advanced or neglected so is she to extend ether grace or withdrawinge of her favor, we have also thought it not impertinent at this tyme to put you in mynd consideringe the great plentye of corne, yt haith pleased God to blesse this Realme withall this yeare (*fo. 221b*), to see the sizes of bread and price of drinke for the releefe of the poore sort proporcon accordinge to the statute, that the poore sorte maye tast of Gods goodnes after so hard tyme past by the increase of bread and drinke for their releife. And lastlye for that we conceive it wilbe very troblesome to the countrie in this tyme of harvest to assemble about this servis, we thinke meet that the sayd meetinge be deferred till the ende of the harvest, for that by the Statute you have tyme to proceed herein before the first of October. So hopinge your Lordshippe will not fayle to have that speciall regard to the performance hereof which apperteyneth, we bydd your Lordshipp right hartelye fare well. From the Court at Thebaldes the xiiijth of August 1587.

Your L. assured loving frends

Chr. Hatton. Canc. W. Burghley. Hunsden. E. Knowlys.
James Croft, A.P. J. Wolley.

fo. 222.

M.P.'s Expenses.

27 September 29 Elizabeth (1587). *Present*—Ralph Richardson, Mayor, William Hillyard, Recorder, 9 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 10 of the xxiv.

Agreed that Mr. William Hilliard, Recorder, one of the Burgesses of this Cittye, shall have allowed him for his dyetes of his beinge at the Parliament, viz.: from the xjth of October last untill the xxvij of November then next followinge, beinge in all the space of xlvij dayes, after the rate of vjs viij^d a daye, amountinge to the some of xx^{li} xiijs iiij^d, besydes xiijs iiij^d for his two mens lyverayes. (*fo. 222b*). And he to have also lxxvjs viij^d in reward, amountinge in all to the some of xix^{li} xiijs iiij^d, to be payd to him by the Chamberlaynes; wherof x^{li} payd him at his goinge up to the sayd Parliament to be accompted no parcell theirow.

fo. 225.

Post Horses for the Countess of Huntington.

Hull asks for men for a ship.

13 October 29 Elizabeth (1587). *Present*—Ralph Richardson, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 4 of the xxiv.

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Agreed that William Bynnes shall have x^s payd him for sex horses, which served for the cariadge of the Lady Huntington, her cariages to PontifRACTE, over and besyds iijs which he receyved of her officers.

(*fo. 225b*). And nowe was redd one lettre which came from the Maior and Aldermen of Hull, and towchinge the furnisshinge of a shippe with men and munettons against the Dunkirkers, and what this Cittie will contribute towards the same. It is nowe agreed that a lettre shalbe written in effecte that the L. Maior and Aldermen have not fullye determined their aunswere herein, by cause the Commons are not made pryvye, and verye shortlye they shall receyve resolute aunswere.

fo. 226. **York and Ainsty to provide 150 soldiers.**

Letter from the Earl of Huntington. Danger from Spain.

16 October 29 Elizabeth (1587). *Present*—Ralph Richardson, Mayor, William Hillyard, Recorder, 6 Aldermen.

A Commission from the right honorable Henry, Earle of Huntington, tuchinge the puttinge in redynesse of a hundrethe and fiftie men within the Cittye and Ainstie, and as towchinge havinge in redynesse of the three hundrethe men laitlye appointed.

It is theirfore agreed that the Wardens of everye ward shall on Wednesdaye next at one of the clocke in the after none repare to the dwellinge howses of all the sayd persons so latelie chardged, and they to viewe and se their armor. And they to certifie all defaults of armore as also all persons dead and gone away. And that on the same daye, William Graves, mace bearer, and Gawine Dente shall go to mens howses in Thainstie to make the like viewe, and to like certifie. And further that the sayd Wardens shall then chardge all suche persons as are (*fo. 226b*) in their armor to be and appeare before the Lorde Maior and them at the Common Hall, on Mondaye next at eight of the clocke before none, with good armor. And that the said Wardens do then also chardge the Constables of everye parishe, wher anie so chardged are dead, or gone awaye, to bringe two or three of the same parishe most fitt to be chardged in the place of such as be dead or gone awaye, in the Common Hall on moneday next at eight of the clocke before none to the intent to make up the sayd number, and the like order to be taken for the Ainstye.

(*fo. 227*). To my loving frends the L. Maior, Recorder and Aldermen of the Cittie of Yorke.

After my hartie commendacons to your L., and the rest of your Bretheren; thes shall be to let you understand that her Majestie beinge advertised of great preparacons that are maid in Spain for the furnishing of an army, and having some reason to doubt some attempts therby to be intended against some part of her Highnes dominions; she is, upon this so urgent and important occasion,

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moved to take present order for the putting of her whole force of the Realme in redynes to withstand, with the helpe of God, any attempt that maye be maid against her; and emongest the rest her Highnes pleasure is that I shall geve present direcon for the putting of such men in redynes, as are appoynted heretofore, being furnished with their armor and wapons. Thes therfor be to requier you, and to will and comaund yow presentlie, upon the recept hereof, to see that 300 men appoynted this last yeare to be furneshed by private men within this Cittie and Ainstie of Yorke to be presentlie in redynes with all the armor and weapons alloted unto them, and for that the Countie of Yorke (besides the 6000 men, which are furnished by private persons) is likewise appoynted to furneshe 3000 more at the publike chardge of the countrie. Thes shalbe likewise to will and comaund you presentlie to take order that there may be armor and wapons in a redynes for the furnishing of one hundreth and fiftie men, within the said Cittie and Ainstie upon a generall and publike chardge, and that I may with all speede be advertysed of your proceadings herin, and what armor and weapons of every sort are in redynes both for the private and publike chardge. Thus, not doubting of your forwardnes in the performinge of this service, I do comit you to the Lord. At London the xiiijth of October 1587.

Your L^{ps} loving frend
H. Huntynghton.

(*fo. 227b*). These 150 men must be sorted with the like armor and wapons that the other 300 were, according to the porcon and a rowle must be maid of the mens names that shall serve with the said armor and wapons when they shall be called for.

fo. 228.

Collection of money for the poor.

All men between 17 and 60 to be inspected.

Weekly reports to be made.

20 October 29 Elizabeth (1587). *Present*—Ralph Richardson, Mayor, William Hillyard, Recorder, 7 Aldermen, 8 of the xxiv.

The assessments for the poore were assessed and a fowerthe parte or verye nere their abouts was abated. And it is agreed that billettts shalbe made forthwith by the collector of everye parishe accordingle. And they to begin to collecte on sondaye nexte for a weeke than ended; ande so forthe weeklye untill further order be taken. And the sayd collectors to gather all the arrerages untill sondaye last accordinge to their old bills.

Agreed that commaundement shalbe geven to the constables of everye parishe within the Cittie, that they geve commaundement in her Majesties name to everye householder, and all their (*fo. 228b*) servants betwene the age of seaventene and threscore yeares, beinge hable men, to be and appeare before the Lorde Maior and Aldermen on Mondaye next at eight of the clocke before none at the Bishoppe feilds, and that they do bringe a note in writinge of the

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names of all the sayd persons. And the Ainstie to be in like sorte before the Lord Maior and Aldermen on Wedinsday next at eight of the clocke before none.

Agreed that every constable shall weeklie, every thursday bring in writing to Leonard Belt, or his clarke for that purpose appoynted, at Mr. Belt's house, the naines of all such persons as shall come to dwell or remane within the precinct of his office the weeke before, and if none shall come, to advertise the same accordingle upon payne of every constable faling herin to forfait for every offence vs.

Item that the said Leonard Belt or his clarke shall every friday before x of the clocke in the morning advertise the Lord Maior, Aldermen and Common Counsell in the Counsell Chamber assembled of the said certificates if their be a Howse, and if there be none then to certifie the Lord Maior therof.

(fo. 229). Item that the said constables of every parish, for the tyme being, shall take all beggers and all other idle persons, which they shall fynd begging and wandering within their said parishes and there upon ymediatlie to bring them before the Wardens of their ward to be examined and to receyve such direcon as shalbe enjoyned them upon pane of every constable faling herein to forfait vjs viij^d for every offence, according to the Statute in that case provided.

fo. 230.

Assize of Ale.

27 October 29 Elizabeth (1587). *Present*—Ralph Richardson, Mayor, 4 Aldermen, 5 of the xxiv.

Agreed that the brewers of ale within this Cittye shall from hencefourth sell their ale for ijs iiij^d a so, and everye so to contayne seaven gallons out of the fatt, and everye tipler to sell his ayle (viz); an ayle gallon for fyve pence, and a wyne quarte of ale in his house for a penny; upon pane to forfeite their recognesance, and further to be disallowed from brewinge and tiplinge, at the discrecon of the Lord Maior and Aldermen.

fo. 230b. **Equipment for soldiers to be bought in London.**

Concealed lands.

28 October 29 Elizabeth (1587). *Present*—Ralph Richardson, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 12 of the xxiv.

Agreed that Mr. Roberte Brooke and Mr. Andrewe Trewe, Aldermen, shall buye for this Cittye use at London fourtie corsletts and three skoore callevs with furniture, and also ccc weight of corne powder or their abouts, at their discrecon; and see all the same conveyed to Yorke by land or by water with all convenient speede; and the money to be payed to them at their retorne.

(fo. 231). Agreed that Mr. Brooke and Mr. Trewe shall proceed for obteyninge of the concealed land at the Quenes majesties hands. And to sewe for the landes at Naburn. And they to have

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all such moneye as they shall disburse aboute the same, payd them again at their home cominge from London.

fo. 232. **Payment for soldiers' equipment.**

6 November 29 Elizabeth (1587).

The armor for the cl men, latelye chardged upon the Cittye and Ainstye was rated upon the severall parishes.

fo. 233. **Letter from Lord Burleigh about
the lease of Clementhorpe Mill.**

15 November 29 Elizabeth (1587). *Present*—Ralph Richardson, Mayor, William Hillyard, Recorder, 4 of the xxiv, 8 of the xxiv.

To the honorable my lovinge frend, the L. Maior of Yorke and his bretheren the Aldermen.

After my hartie commendacons; I am enformed you have delt hardlye with one Edward Helme, her Majesties tenant of a windmill nere the Cittye of Yorke, under color of a lease taken by you from her Majestie of that emongst other thinges; wher treweth, as I am informed by suche as are learned in the lawe to whom I referred the examinacon of the case, that your lease is not good by reason of some imperfecons in it. But of what validitie so ever it is, it was a verye hard parte in yow not onelie to take the poore mans lease (*fo. 233b*) over his head (he and thoise from whome he clamed, havinge enjoyed the same since the xvith yeare of K. H. the 8); but also to expell him out of the possessions theirow, beinge his onelie staye of levinge before anie examinacons of his title. I would advise yow their fore for your owne quietnesse to suffer him to be in his former possessions, untill you or some for yow shall informe me of your right theirunto. Whereupon I will take further order to your contentement, otherwise if the poore man renue his complainte, I will not faile to assiste him accordinge to the equitie of his cause. And so I bidd you faire well. From my house in the Strond this 28 October 1587.

Your lovinge frend
W. Burghley.

Letter to the Earl of Huntingdon about the soldiers equipped.

To the right Honorable, Henry, Earle of Huntington, L. Lieutenant to her Majestie in the North parties, and Lord President of her Majesties most honorable Counsell their.

Our most bounden dewtie to your Honor remembred; accordinge to your L. direction to us by your lettre, dated the xijth of October. We have taken vyew of the 300 men and armor chardged upon private men, which are all in good ryddynesse. And as for the 150 men latlye chardged to be furnished upon the comon chardge. We have appointed the men, but not havinge anye suche chardge heretofore are not well furnished with the armor and

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wepons, but (*fo.* 234) have taken order for the providinge theirof with all speed, so that verye shortlye we trust the same shall be reddye. Thus we most humbly cease to troble your L.

From Yorke this 20 of November 1587.

Yours to commaund
 Raphe Richardson, Maior
 William Hillyard
 Tho. Harryson
 Heugh Graves
 William Robinson
 Tho. Jackson.

fo. 236. **Ale sold contrary to the assize. Money to be paid for equipment. Clementhorpe Mill.**

27 November 30 Elizabeth (1587). *Present*—Ralp Richardson, Mayor, William Hillyard, Recorder, 5 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 8 of the xxiv.

Robert Cottrell, Thomas Waddy, Christofer Place, Hughe Warcope, and William Farthen, beinge presente in this Courte, dyd everye one of them confesse that they hadd sould their ale contrarye to the rates and assisse sett downe by my Lorde Maior and Justices synce tewsdaye last, beinge the xxj of November, 1587, on which daye they and everye of them were dischargd from sellinge ale by the Lord Maior and Justices of Peace. It is nowe agreed that all the sayd persons shalbe for their contempts comitted to ward their to remane till suche tyme as they have payd their fynes and entred a bonnd with sewerties, not to sell anye ayle from thence forthe accordinge to the Statute in that case provided.¹

(*fo.* 236b). Agreed that warrants shalbe mayd to all parishes within this Cittye and Ainstie, presentlie to provyd xl^s for a corslett with furniture; xx^s for a callyver with furniture. And the money to be payd to the Lord Maior on tewsdaye the fifte of December next, and for bowes and bills to bringe them then before the sayd L. Maior.

And nowe Edward Helme personallie appeared, and required of them to have a leas of the mylne at Clementhorpe for xxxvij yeares for fyve markes; or els he would proceed with his sewte. Whereupon it is agreed that a lettre shalbe maid to the L. Treasurer with all speed according to the equitie of the cause.

fo. 238b. **Letter to Lord Burleigh about Clementhorpe Mill.**

To the most honorable Sir William Cicill, Knight, Lord High Treasurer of England.

Our bounden dewtie to your Honor remembred; wheras we understand by your L. lettre, that Edward Helme haith enformed your Lordshipp that we have taken a lease of one milne of her Majestie over his head, and expelled him before anye examinacon

¹ Further offences of this kind are given on folios 237b and 238.

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of his title; maye it please you we did take a lease of her Majestie of the sayd milne, emongest other thinges about three yeares synce; and one to whom the sayd Helme or suche from whome he hadd his interest lett, that sayd myln dothe still enjoye. The sayd Helme pretendethe his first title to the milne by a lease mayd from the Prior and Convent of Clementhorpe and synce lease taken surrendered he the same, and tooke an other of the Quenes Majestie. We hadd the sayd Helme before us, who altogethe seamed to estrainge him selfe to take anye lease of us, affirminge his owne lease was good; wherupon we caused one to go with him to Mr. Watterhouse, his counsellor, with our lettres patents, offeringe, if his lease were good, we would most (*fo.* 239) willinglie permit him to enjoye it desiringe to be advertised of his counsellers opinion, which yett the sayd Helme would not doo. And we further offred him to have the surplusage of rent which he lette the milne for, above the Quenes rent, duringe his old terme. And lastlye we offred him againe the sayd milne duringe the yeares in his former lease, or els for two yeares fyne accordinge to the rente he lettethe the same milne above the rente dewe to her Majestie, to make him a lease for xxj yeares, all whiche he flatlye refused. And for that in the sayd lease made to us by the Quenes Majestie, their are a great number old howses within the Cittye, whiche are in greate ruine and decaye, the reparinge wherof wilbe verye chargiable to us. We most humblye desyer your L. that if the better thinges beinge fewe or of no great valewe, you will permit us to take some small fyne; wherin we trust so to us our selves, as no men shall have cause to complaine, submitinge our selves in this and in our other thinges most willinglye to your L. order and direcon, accordinge to our dewties. We most humbly cease anye further to troble your L.; committinge the same to the tuicon of the Almightye, who ever preserve your L.

Yorke this 4 of December 1587.

fo. 239b. **Private armour. A widow to bake spice cakes.**

8 December 36 Elizabeth (1587). *Present*—Ralph Richardson, Mayor, 4 Aldermen, 7 of the xxiv.

Certaine persons in this Cittie were now chardged with pryvate armor, in place of dyvers others departed and gone forthe of this Cittye, and they to be chardged to have it in a redynesse, within xiiij dayes upon payne of x^{li}.

Item Margarette Lenge, wedowe, ys allowed to bake spiced cakes painge sex pence yerelye to the bakers occupacon.

fo. 240. **Letter from the Earl of Huntington. Provision of powder.**

15 December 30 Elizabeth (1587). *Present*—Ralph Richardson, Mayor, 6 Aldermen, 6 of the xxiv.

After my hartye commendacons to your L.; and the rest of your Bretheren; theis shall be to require you to lett me understand

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what provision you have of powder and matche within the Cittie of Yorke; and to take presente order, that if you be not very well furnished there with, that the wante in that behalfe may be (*fo.* 240b) supplied out of hand. You know, I doubt not, what provision hereof was required by my Lords of the Counsell for to be allwayes in a redynesse within Yorke; and what you promised to performe in that behalfe. And theirfore at this tyme I do verye earnestlye require you to be carefull to be furnished, not onelye with that proporcon, but also with a doble proporcon. If their shall be anye want hereof you are like to receave some blame for yt. And theirfore I trust you will be carefull hereof. Thus I do committ your L. and the rest of your Bretheren to Gods tuicon. At London the xxvjth of November 1587.

Your L^{es} lovinge frend. H. Huntyngeton.

It is agreed that cxx^{li} shalbe rated upon the Aldermen, Sheriffes, xxiiij and the Chamberlans, to be lent by them for the provision of powther for this Cittye for her Majesties service, and the same to be rated and assessed by this house; and the moneye to be payd them againe on the xxiiij daye of Marche nexte.

(*fo.* 241). Also agreed that William Pacocke shall have for one barrell of corne powther xiiij^d the pound; and if this House like on the same to have an other barrell on him at the same price.

Agreed that this Cittye shall beare the adventure of two barrells of powther weighinge about tenne hundreth and three quarterons weight shipped for this Cittyes use in the Elizabetha of Hull and that Mr. Alderman Brooke shalbe payd for the same.

Also it is agreed that a foote post shall go to Hull to Mr. Brookes man to buy certane corne powther so that the same be provided at xij^d a pound or under.

fo. 241. **Cleansing knife for the Lord Mayor's House.**
 Gunpowder to be bought.

15 December 30 Elizabeth (1587). *Present*—Ralph Richardson, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 14 of the xxiv.

Agreed that iijs shalbe payd for one clensinge knyfe made for the L. Maior house for the tyme beinge.

(*fo.* 242). Agreed that fower and twentie hundreth powder and fyve hundreth matche shalbe forthwith provided for the use of this Corporacon, and for the defence of the Realme.

Agreed that Mr. Percivall Brooke and Mr. Moseley shall consyder of some convenyent place for lyinge of powther.¹

¹ On folios 143b-145 are the names of those York citizens possessing "private arms".

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fo. 243.**Light gold to be sold.**

20 December 30 Elizabeth (1587). *Present*—Ralph Richardson, Mayor, 6 Aldermen, 10 of the xxiv.

Agreed that the Chamberlens shall sell suche lighte gold as is in the Chamber, and the losse theirof to be borne by the Chamber, savinge one angel of gold, which was payd by Thomas Wilson: parchmentmaker, which the sayd Thomas must change.

fo. 245b.**Tax relief for York.**

Elizabeth, by the grace of God, Quene of England, Fraunce and Ireland, defender of the faith etc. etc., to the Treasurer and Barons of our Exchequer gretinge. Wheras at our Parliament by prorogacon holden at Westminster the ¹—— daye of March also last past, our subjects in the same Parliament with the assent of the Lordes, spirituall and temporall, then assembled, and by the auctoritie of the same Parliament have given and graunted unto us two whole fiftenthes and tenthes, to be payd and levyed of the moveable goods, the chattells and other thinges contrybutory unto the same at two severall payments . . . by force of which graunts the Maior, Cittizens and inhabitants of our Citie of Yorke are chardged with the severall somes of one hundrethe thirtie six poundes, tenne shillings, sixpence haulf pennye for eyther of the said payments, amountinge together to the some of two hundrethe, threeskoore thirtene pounds thirtene pence for the said whole (*fo.* 246) fifteenthes and tenthes geven and graunted unto us in forme aforesaid, as in our Exchequor it dothe more playnly appeare of recorde; Know ye that we consideringe the great ruyne and long decaye of our said Cittie, wherby a great number of howses within the walles of the same are wasted and become void, as also of the great chardges and contynuall expenses, which the same Cittizens and Commonaltie do susteyne yearly in the upholdinge of six great stone bridges, with other waterworkes belonginge to the same Cittie, beinge sore decayed, and in relevinge, norishinge and instructing and bringing up of orphants and poore younge children, and also in releving of a great number of poore, aged and impotent people within the said Cittie and other good causes us moving we have given and graunted to the said Maior, Cittizens and Inhabitants the some of one hundrethe poundes, parcell of the said some of CCLxviiij^{li} xiiij^d dewe unto us for the fifteenthes and tenthes.

fo. 251b.

**Calender to be made of the Quens land
let to the City.**

26 January 30 Elizabeth (1587-8). *Present*—Ralph Richardson, Mayor, Willian Hillyard, Recorder, 8 Aldermen, 11 of the xxiv.

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Agreed that a Calender shalbe mayd out of the Citties lease of her Majesties landes letten to this Corporacon and that yt shalbe devided into wardes, and then order to be taken for the callinge of the tenaunts before some of this Courte that their leases and interests maye be sene.

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fo. 2b.

A Policy of Poor Relief.

9 February 30 Elizabeth (1587-8). *Present*—James Birkby, Mayor, William Hillyard, Recorder, 8 Aldermen, 7 of the xxiv.

Agreed that all the poore and undersettles shalbe viewed in manner and forme followinge: that is to saye; Mouncko ward on wednesdaye next, at one of the clocke in the after none, by my Lord Maior and Mr. Wardene of that ward, Mr. Consett, Richard Hutton and William Peacocke. Micklith ward on thursdaye next, at one of the clocke in the after none, by my Lord Maior, Mr. Warden of that ward, Mr. Christopher Beckwith, Mr. Francis Bayne, Thomas Walker and Robert Pearson.

(fo. 3). Walmegate ward on frydaye next, at one of the clock in the after none, by my Lord Maior and Mr. Warden, Bowthome Ward on Satterdaye. The sayd viewers shall repaire to the howses and dwellinge places of all the sayd poore, and shall number by a callender the lame and impotent one waye, suche as are hable to worke an other waye, and roges and valyant beggars an other waye, undersettells an other waye, and poore children another waye. And that the constables shall have warninge forthwith to warne the poore to keepe their howses against the sayd viewers; and to attend on the viewers with a scrowle of the names and addicons of all the people aforesayd appoynted to be viewed, and then after suche viewes that this courte in the name of God shall proceed further with all expedicon for the relievinge of the sayd poore.

(fo. 4b). Certaine Articles allowed concerninge the poore people.

Firste, that a generall viewe be made of all the poore people in the Cittye.

Secondlye to examine which of them were not borne in the Cittye, nor have dwelt in the same by the space of three yeares last past, accordinge to the Statutes, and to provyde that suche be banished and sent to place from whence they came, that the rest, wherwith the Cittie ought to be chardged, may be better provided for.

Thirdly, that those which shall remayne be devided into three sortes: for the first sorte, beinge suche as are aged, lame and impotente and past their worke may have better allowance then heretofore thay have had, and that the same be dewlye paid unto them so as they shall not need for want of releife to begge (fo. 5) abroad, everye one havinge at the least 1^d ob the daye, under

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whiche some a poore creator cannot lyve, and for the better provision therof, that a greater assesment be maid upon everye man accordinge to his habylitie, wherein the gentlemen and riche Cittezens to be chardged onely, and not the common artificers or handycraftes.

For the seconde sorte beinge suche as are hable to worke, whether they be men, women or children may be set on work in deede; and that everye Alderman, xxiiij and suche as have bene Chamberlaynes may be chardged to kepe a certayne number on worke, as for example everye Alderman iiij, everye one of the xxiiiij ij, and everye one that hath bene Chamberlayne one or more or lesse accordinge to the number of the poore that are to be sett on worke.

For the thirde sort beinge roges, vagabondes, strange beggers, and suche as will not worke, that thir maye be houses of correccion set up, one or two to punishe them, and eyther by extremity to make them labore, or els to banishe them the Cittie.

And that officers be appoynted for that purpose and have reasonable fees and wages for thir paynes.

Also that in everye street ther may be ij or iiij specyall persons appoynted, over and besides the constables, who maye have auctorytye in this thinge onelye to punishe roges, vagabonds and strainge beggers, either by the stockes or sendinge them to the house of correcton, because it is an infynitt troble to go to the (fo. 5b) Alderman of the ward with everye beggar and roge that wander abroad, and it wilbe a meanes that beggars and roges, knowinge that in everye streete ther are suche men appoynted to punishe them, they wilbe afrade to stray abroad.

And for the better execucon hereof that in everye parishe ther may be a newe pare of stockes at the chardge of the parishe set in the most open place of the street for the ymprisoninge of roges, strainge beggars and suche as will not worke, by those that shalbe appoynted for that purpose; for that if they were appoynted to be caryed to the howse of correccion, or to the place of imprisonment by the blewe cotes, they wold suffer them to goe ther wayes for a smale bribe, as they use to doe.

That laborers wyves and chelderen may be barred from goinge a begging, and that their husbandes who get sufficient to mayntaine them withall may be restrained from the alehowse, where they drinke all that should maynteine ther poore wifes and children at home.

That everye man that shall serve any beggers at ther dore after order taken to the contrarye may paye a good fyne, without remittinge any of it backe again, and that in every street ther may be some secret persons appoynted to present suche as they shall se serve any beggers; and that they may have some allowance forth of the fynes for their paynes.

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That the beggers have no lycense to beg eyther on Allsoules day, spalma's¹ day, good Fryday, nor agaynst any great feast bothe bycause it soundethe of popery; and also it is a breach of all good order, and encorageth beggers to beg, as it were by auctoritie

(fo. 6). That after some good order taken in the Cittie for the poore, request may be maid to the Maysters of the Mynster that beggers be not premitted to resorte to the Mynster, but that hofferers for the Cittie may take them from thence, without breache of the libertie, or geving cause of offence.

That a generall survey may be maid of all undersettles and good fynes imposed on such as kepe any without respecte of persons, especyally of undersettles for beggers.

Yf this order for the provicon of the poore, as is aforsaid, shalbe thought by your Worshippes either unfitt or impossible to be brought to passe; then let everye man within the Cittie be assessed accordinge to his habilitie, to paye a yeares contrybucon before hand, at the least, towards byenge of some commoditie to set the poore on worke; and howses to be provided for them to worke in; in every warde one; and officers and overseers to be chosen, and have reasonable allowanc for ther panes at the discreton of my L. Maior and his Bretheren, but it must be specyallye provided that those persons, who shalbe appoynted to have the use and handlings of thir money, use the matter more conconablye and cencerlye then the money hath bene used in suche like cases heretofore, least it torne to the great grudge of them that paye ther money, and the great dishonor of this Cittie.

fo. 6b. **The Bakers. The Mount Mill. Useless Powder.**

16 February 30 Elizabeth (1587-8). *Present*—James Birkby, Mayor, 4 Aldermen, 4 of the xxiv.

Agreed that the bakers of this Cittye shall frome hence forthe baike their wheat bread after the rate of iijs a bushell of wheate.

(fo. 7). And nowe Edward Helme renewed his sewte for the mylne, and it is agreed that on frydaye next he shall make his repare to this Courte, and then he shall have a direct annswere.

And nowe Mr. Chistofer Beckwith and Mr. Percyval Brooke, do certifye this Courte, that they and Mr. Morton and Mr. Consett hadd viewed certayne powder of William Peacockes, whiche they were appoynted to viewe, and which should have bene bought for the provision of this Cittye; and they enformed this Courte that the same powder is not good; therefore it is agreed that the same shall not be bought of the sayd William Peacocke.

¹ This is Palm Sunday.

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fo. 7b **Inspection of Poor. New Stocks. Admission
to Hospital. Resort to Sermons.**

23 February 30 Elizabeth (1587-8). *Present*—John Birkby, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 7 of the xxiv.

Agreed that the poore people be viewed—to the intente to knowe what the poore people past worke will aske and take for their releife, so that they begge not at all, and for the relevinge of them and all the resedewe.

Agreed that foure pare of newe stockes shalbe provided of the chardg of the Common Chamber for the punishe ment of rooges and beggers, and one paire theirof to be sett under the wall of Christ church; and one other paire under the wall of St. Martins church in Micklithgate over against Mr. Alderman Richardsons doore; and one other pare at the graite in the Pavement; and the fourthe pare at St. Martines church wall in Conestreete.

Agreed that from henceforth their shalbe no poore people admitted or placed in anye hospitall or masendewe (*fo. 8b*) within this Cittie without the assent and full agreement of the Lord Maior and Wardens for the tyme beinge of that ward.

(*fo. 9b*). Agred that the constables of everye parisshe shall geve commaundemente to all the howseholders of their parisshe, that one or mo of everye house do make their resorte to the sermons, as well at the Minster as to the sermons to be made by Mr. Harwood, upon pane of xij^d.

fo. 13b **Archbishop and Poor Relief. Powder and
Match in York.**

13 March 30 Elizabeth (1587-8). *Present*—James Birkby, Mayor, 10 Aldermen, 8 of the xxiv.

Agreed that my Lord Maior, Mr. Harbert, Mr. Asquith, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Brooke and Mr. Appleyarde shall tomorowe daye in the afternone repaire to the Lord Archbishoppe, and to confer with his Grace, as towchinge the releivinge of the poore, for that his Grace did offer of him selfe to joyne with this Cittie in this charitable acton.

(*fo. 14*). To my lovinge frende, the Lord Maior of the Cittie of Yorke.

These shalbe to requyer from you in writing what quantitie of powder and matche yow have in this Cittie, and what further provision you do purpose to make therof, and agaynst what tyme. So I doe commytt yowr Lp to the tuicon of the Almightye.

At York the xiiijth of Marche 1587.

Your loving frend

H. Huntynghdon.

(*fo. 14b*). To the right Honourable the Earle of Huntington.

Right honourable: wheras we have receyved your L. lettres as towchinge the provision of powder and matche within the Cittie

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of Yorke; we do theirfore most humblye certefye your Honor that we have allredye provided fyve and twentye hundrethe weight of powder or nere their abouts; and also of matche or nere their abouts. And also dyvers of our merchants have latelye made their adventure to Hambrough, and have ordere to their servants to buye both powder and matche, which, God willinge, will be at this Cittye shortlye. And thus we most humblye take our leaves, committing Your Honor to the tuicon of the Almightye.

Yorke this xxth of Marche 1587

James Birkbye, Maior etc.

fo. 16b. **Complaint against the Sheriffs. Mount Mill.**
Poor not to beg.

3 April 30 Elizabeth (1588).

Christofer Turner compleaned him against the Sheriffes of this Cittye, for stayinge one packe of woll, which, he sould to one Crowder within this Cittye. And the sayd Sheriffes do demaund toll for the same woll packe, which Turner saith ought not to be payd, by reason it was a freemans goods and bought within this Cittye. It is theirfore agreed that this matter shalbe staed untill it cane be more fullie proved whether the sayd Sherriffes ought to have toll or no. And in the meane tyme the remembraunces of this Courte to be sought up; and the sayd Sheriffes to shewe what they canne saye and shewe for them selves.

(fo. 17). And nowe Edward Helme renewed his old sewte, and dyd agree to putt his matter concerninge the mylne to the order of Mr. Watterhouse and Mr. Christofer Vavasour for him and likewise the Lord Maior and Aldermen have appointed Mr. Recorder and Mr. Buskell for this Cittye, and they or three of them to make an ende and determinacon of the cause.

Agreed that the Lord Maior and Wardens of every ward, and iiij of the xxiiij, within everye warde, and the Constables, and foure honeste men of everye parishe, shall viewe the poore people at their houses and agree with all the sayd poore what they will wyllinglye take and keepe their howses, and not begge; and that warninge shalbe given theirow.

fo. 17b. **Payment for York Castle repairs.**

York men in the Low Countries. Collectors for the Poor.

18 April 30 Elizabeth (1588). *Present*—James Birkby, Mayor, 10 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 7 of the xxiv.

Agreed that my Lord Maior shall call unto him Mr. Recorder, Mr. Harrison, Mr. Asquith, Mr. Robinson, Mr. Brooke, Mr. Trewe, Mr. Jackson and Mr. Richardson, Aldermen, and shall on satterday next repare to the Lorde Presidente, and to make his Lordshippe acquainted with a rate of chardge wherwith all the Justices of the West Rydinge would chardg the Ainstye towards the reparing

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of the Castle of (*fo.* 18) York. And also to be sewters to his Lordshippe for xxx iij^{li} vj^s viij^d, which was disbursed by this Cittye in the tyme of the Maioraltie of Mr. Andrewe Trewe late Lord Maior, for the West Ryddinge, for the furnishinge of tenne men pressed into the Low Countryes, and should have bene levyed in the West Riddinge; and that my Lords Lieutenaunt his Comissions to be sought up towchinge that matter.

(*fo.* 18). And nowe bothe head collectores, and pettye collectors, were appointed for the gatheringe and payment of the poore. And it is agreed that the old collectors shall cease their collecon on sondaye nexte, and that newe bills shalbe made for the quarterlye collection to begine from mondaye nexte, beinge the xxii of Aprill 1588 for one quarter of a yeare then next followinge, and one quarter to be payd beforehand. And that the old collectors shall have commaundemente to bringe all suche persons into this Courte as are behind with ther paymente to the poore, together with a note of the persons and sommes so behind.

fo. 19. **New Owner. Contempt of Court.**

19 April 30 Elizabeth (1588). *Present*—James Birkby, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 7 of the xxiv.

By most voyces of this Cort Francis Billingbecke is chosen to be a Coroner within the City, and County of the same, in place of Edmund Fale, deceased, and that this order shalbe published on Monday nexte beinge the County day, and shalbe then sworne as the order is.

Agreed that Thomas Richardson, shalbe comitted to warde for his evell and contemptuous behavior in this Courte in crienge with vement words, and lifting up his hand and knocking the barr, and disorderinge hym self in other speches, and for arestinge Thomas Coltman upon a *Capias ad satisfiendum*, direcon and order being geven by the L. Maior to the contrarye.

fo. 20. **Armour to be paid for by the City.**

General Muster. Hull Demand rejected by York.

23 April 30 Elizabeth (1588). *Present*—James Birkby, Mayor, William Hillyard, Recorder, 10 of the xxiv, 1 Sheriff, 5 of the xxiv.

Accordinge to the Lord Lieutenaunt his Commission comon armour was rated of this Cittie and Ainstye. Agreed that warrants shalbe directed for generall muster to be the xxix of Aprill on Knavesmyer at seaven of the clocke in the morninge.

(*fo.* 20b). To our verye lovinge frendes Mr. Antonye Cole and Mr. John Graces and to either of them.

Understandinge that you are to go to Yorke presentlye we are theirfore to desyre youe or thone of youe to buye and provide for us, with as muche expediton as maye be tenne or xj tonnes

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of caske, and to hier some bote their, to bringe the sam from thense hether, so that they maye be here of sondaye at night next or mondaye. We are also to desire you to vewe a small barke, newe buylded at Yorke, whether she be fitt to serve for a pynnayce, and if you shall thinke her fitt, to talk with the owners of her, and if she cann, be here on sondaye or mondaye next and redye then to serve, we coould use her in her Majisties service; if the owners and we can agree. And we would also desyre you to presse for her Majesties service by the sea, such marryners as kelemeen, at Yorke, as you shall thinke fitt for that service; and lymett them to be here of mondaye next and to geve them presse money and condyt money. And so we byd you harteleye fair well.

Kingston upon [Hull] the xvi of April 1588

Your lovinge frends William Bray, Maior,
John Thornton, John Smith, William
Wilson, Edward Feild, Luke Thurscrosse,
Robert Dalton.

Lett the barke above except they will them selves bringe her hither.

(fo. 21). To the worshipfull and our verye lovinge frendes the Maior and Aldermen of the town of Kingstone upon Hull.

After our hartye commendacons. Wheras Antonye Cole and John Graves have appointed divers of our Cittezens mariners and kielmen for her Majisties service upon the sea; and for asmuche as upon better examinacon of the matter and conference hadd with the sayd Coole and Graves, their neither appeareth anye auctoritye in you, whose handes are subscribed to a letter of request to them directed; neither, if you have anye auctoritye, that they have anye auctoritye from you to presse anye anye person; so that our said Cittezens and others thinke them selves greatlye wronged by the sayd Coole and Graves, and when thoffence is to take upon them suche an offence without auctoritie we leave to your good consideracons. We theirfor thought good to advertice you of thoise thaire doinges which we thinke was more then you mente, that they should use anye man in suche compulsarye manner as they have; and further to lett you understand, if anye come hether to presse men for that or anye other her Majesties service with sufficient Commission and auctoritye we will ayd and assiste them to the uttermost. Thus we comitt you to God.

Yorke the twentye daye of Aprill 1588

Your lovinge frendes,
James Birkby, Maior.
Christofer Harbert,
Robert Asquith,
William Robinson,
Roberte Brooke.

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fo. 22b. **Post master's privilege. Trailing timber forbidden.**
A General muster ordered.

26 April 30 Elizabeth (1588). *Present*—James Birkby, Mayor, William Hillyard, Recorder, 11 Aldermen, 3 of the xxiv.

Agreed that Mathewe Walton, post maister, shall have common of pasture, in the comon in everye ward within this Cittie, for one of his hurte horses duringe this next sommer and the Pasture Maister to have knowledge of the same.

For asmuch as dyvers Cittezens have heretofore taken up at the Staith and St. Leonard landinge dyvers tymber tres, and from thens have traied the same alongest the streets to the great hurte of the pavements; it is theirfore agreed that from henceforth no maner of person or persons shall trayle, carye or convey from the sayd Staith or Landinge, or any other place within this Cittye, anie manner of timber tres, or great peeces of wood but onelye on sledd, carte or upon wheelles, upon payne of iijs iiij^d.

(*fo.* 23). To my lovinge frends the L. Maior and Recorder of the Cittye of Yorke.

After my hartye commendacons; theis shalbe to require you, and by vertue of her Majesties Commission of Leiu tenancye to me directed, to will and commaunde you presentlie uppon the receipte hereof to directe forthe your precepts for warninge to be geven to all the men within the Cittye and Ainstye of Yorke, betwene the age of xviiij and fiftye yeares, to be and personallie appeare before you the xxixth (*fo.* 23b) of this instant^e, at such a place and at suche an howre, as you shall thinke most convenient, and everye constable maye be commaunded to be their him selfe with a note in writinge of everye of the sayd mens names within his constablers, and to place them in order, so as you maye the better take the muster and viewe of them without confusion. The sayd men beinge thus assembled and sett in order I woud require you to note upon everye mans head for what weapon you thinke him most fitt, and which you thinke hable and fitt men to be laborers, or pyners¹. And out of the sayd number of hable men for the warres you are to make a carefull and especiall choise of 300 within the sayd Cittye and Ainstye to be selected men, to be reduced into bandes, wherof their must be in everye hundrethe 40 verie hable men for corseletts, 30 for callevs or musketts, 20 for bills or halberts, and 10 hable and sufficient archers. And of theis men thus selected a rowle must be made of their names, and of the places of their habitacons, and of the weapons that are allotted unto them. And out of the generall number of the men fitt to be laborers I woud requiere you to selecte a conveniente number of pioners to be in a redinesse upon anie occasion of service, and to take a note of their name and habitacons that you shall so selecte. My meaninge is not to have the Ainstie or Cittye troubled

¹ pyners: pioneers.

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with the bringinge of anie armore to this muster, but that the persons of the men onelie are now to be viewed; and yett have I thought it fitt to lett you understand thus muche, that it is mente that the sayd number of 300 men shalbe furnished of the common and generall chardge, (*fo.* 24) and not of the pryvate; and that the same shalbe reduced into bandes, whiche must be complett and redie for service upon anie sodaine occasion.¹

It is also mente that in case their is not sufficient provision alredie made of armor and weapons of the common chardge for the furnishinge of suche a number, as is presentlie within the same, to be reduced into bandes, the furniture wantinge shalbe taken of suche of thoise that are pryvatlie chardged, as you shall think fitt, and monye to be collected within everye towneshippe or parishe that wanteth armor to make payment unto him of whom the furniture is bought, for the whiche I do requiere you to take present order within the sayd Cittye and Ainstye; and also that you do chardge the parties, whiche do take this money that they, do make present supply for the againe with all the speed they can. It is thought convenient that none of those that are pryvatlye chardged shalbe pressed to serve in this number now selected. I do desyer to have a particuler certificate of the names of the sayd 300 men which shalbe thus selected to be reduced into bandes, and of the places of their habitacon, and a note with what weapons they are appointed to serve withall, and also a generall certificate howe manye other hable men you fynd upon this vewe fytt for service, and for what weapons they are most fitt; as also the number of men fytt to be pioners, and how manye you do selecte oute of them to be in a rediness upon anie occasion of presente service. Thus trustinge that you will have suche a care hereof as of a matter greatlye tending to the service of her Majestie and the realme, I do commit you to the Lord. At Yorke this xvijth of Aprill 1588.

H. Huntyngdon.

Post script. I will appointe my nepheue Thomas Sydney and Mr. Thomas Fairfax to joyne with you in this viewe.

fo. 24b.

Toll at Beverly. Sunday drinking.

3 May 30 Elizabeth (1588). *Present*—James Birkby, Mayor, William Hillyard, Recorder, 9 Aldermen, 2 Sheriffs, 5 of the xxiv.

Agreed that Mr. Recorder shall make composicon with Mr. Paler as concerninge paiinge of towle at Beverley by the Cittezens of this Cittye; and that he shall agree with him that the Cittezens of this Cittye shall paye toll for everye whole horse packe or load a .j^d or under.

¹ Folios 27-33 is a list of armour in York and Ainsty consisting of 106 corslets, 121 calevers, 45 bills, 30 bows.

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(*fo. 25*). Agreed that the Wardens of everye ward, and one of the xxiiij shall on sondayes and holy dayes, in tyme of dyvyne service and sermons enter into ayle howses and tipling houses, and suche as they shall fynd drinkinge to comitt them to prison or other wise to punishe.

fo. 26b. **Further directions about Armour.**

To my lovinge frendes the Lord Maior and Recorder of the Cittie of Yorke.

Wheras by my late lettres sente unto you for the muster of the footemen within the Cittie and Ainstye of Yorke, you are directed to selecte 300 men to be reduced into bandes, and of them to make especiall choise of 40 in everye hundred fitt for pike men, 30 for callyvers or musketts 20 for bills or halberts and tenn for archers; you shall understand that you are to make choise but of 35 men in everye hundrethe for pikes, 40 for shott, 10 for archers and 15 for bills or halberts. And in case you have not corsletts sufficient of the common armor to furnishe this proporcon you must cause money to be presentlye collected within everye towneshippe and parishe to make upe this proporcon of corseletts, which shall be hadd at the Quenes price, which I take to be aboute xxxiijs iiij^d for a corslett, if otherwise you cannot in conveniente tyme provyde them. Thus I do committ you to Gods mercyefull tuicon.

At Yorke the xxvjth of Aprill 1588.

Your L. lovinge frend,
H. Huntyngdon.

fo. 34. **Armour bought at Hull.**

26 May 1588.

Wheras my Lord Maior and Mr. Recorder have provided at Hull for this Cittye xxviiij corsletts (*fo. 34b*) at xl^s a peece, and xxviiij curatos at xx^s a peece, sex murions at iiij^s a peece, amounting in the whole to fower skoore fyve pounds and iiij^s, and have taken order for payment of the same, yt is theirfore agreed that the sayd Lord Maior and Mr. Recorder shalbe dishchardged of the same money by this Corporacion.

fo. 34b. **Distribution of York Gunpowder. Match to be made.**

24 May 30 Elizabeth (1588). *Present*—James Birkby, Mayor, William Hillyard, Recorder, 9 Aldermen.

Assembled in the house of the sayd L. Maior. For asmuche as the Lord Lieutenaunt haith spoken to my (*fo. 35*) Lord Maior for sextene hundrethe and fourtie poundes of powder beinge fyve skoore to the hundrethe viz for Pounfracte three hundrethe and sextye, for Leedes two hundrethe and fourtye, for Claro clx, for Barkstone four skoore, for the North ridding eight hundrethe. It is agreed that his Honor shall have the sayd powder of this Cittyes provision so that the parties that shall come for the same

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do fett the same at this Cittye and do paye for the same xij^d for everye pound in redye monye, or els do fynd good security for the payment of the money for the same, at xij^d a pound, within xv dayes nowe next, for that this Cittye is presentlye to provyde other powther.

Agreed that the Chamberlains shall forthwith provid and buye fyve hundrethe weight of towe; and that spinners shall presentlye be provided to spynn the same, with all expedicon and that then the yarne shalbe delyvered to John Devowe to make matche on.

fo. 35b.

Powder and match for York.

31 May 30 Elizabeth (1588). *Present*—James Birkby, Mayor, 6 Aldermen, 4 of the xxiv.

Wheras their is certane powther provided for this Cittye by dyvers of the Cittezens and at their chardges; and nowe for asmuche as the L. Lieutenaunt dothe chardge this Cittye to delyver powther in the countrie for trayninge their men: it is nowe agreed that their shall no more powther be delyvered but to be kepte for the traininge of our owne men and servinge of this Cittye as need requirethe.

And now John Devowe beinge called, towchinge the provision of matche for this Cittye; the sayd John Devowe haithe promised to provyd and make redye one C weight of matche against tewesdaye next before none.

(fo. 36). And wheras their is a chardge rated this daye for the traininge of 300 footemen, which dothe amounte to the somme of xlvli, it is agreed that the Cittye shall beare xxvjli and thainstye xviiijli; and that their shalbe a House on tewesdaye nexte, and then to sesse everye parishe and townshippe shall paye bothe for the sayd Cittie and Ainstye.

(fo. 36b). 1 June 30 Elizabeth (1588). *Present*—James Birkby, Mayor, William Hillyard, Recorder, 3 Aldermen.

Agreed that the somme of xxiiij^{li} vj^s viij^d shalbe furthwith rated and assessed in this Cittye and Ainstye viz. in the Cittye xiiij^{li} and in the Ainstye ix^{li} vj^s viij^d; for traininge of cxx men for shott three dayes at vj^d adaye ix^{li}; and cv pikemen, one daye at vj^d adaye; lvijs vj^d; billmen xlv one daye at vj^d a daye xxijs vj^d; archers xxx at vj^d a daye xv^s, and the wages of two lieutenants three dayes at vj^s viij^d the daye xl^s; the chardge of cxx^{li} of powder at one traininge three dayes together, everye man haveinge one pound rated at xij^d the pound, is in all vj^{li}; the chardge of the matche is xxx^{li}, everye man haveinge allowed one quarteror rated at iij^d the pound is x^s. So the totall chardge of the first traininge is xxij^{li}¹.

¹ On folios 37 and 38 is the assessment of York parishes and the Ainsty townships to raise this money.

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fo. 38b.

Provision of Weights and Measures

5 June 30 Elizabeth (1588). *Present*—James Birkby, Mayore, 5 Aldermen, 5 of the xxiv.

Nowe was redd one lettre, from the Lord Treasurer and Barrons of the Exchequer towching the provision of weightes and measures lymitted by the Statute made in the xjth yeare of Kinge Henrye the vij the effecte of which lettre enseweth viz:— After our harty commendacons; wheras our Soveraigne Ladie the Quene haith given order and commaundement to us the Lord Treasurer, Under-treasurer and Barrons of the exchequer to cause to be made, sized and approved so manye standerds of weights to be made of brasse as should suffice emongest (fo. 39) others for everye Shire, Towne in the dominion of Wales and also for everye Cittye, Boroughe, Towne and place lymitted by the Statute, (xi Henry vij) to have and keepe standerds of weights; and did by her Majesties proclamaceon made the xxj of December last past, publishe and declare her will and pleasure to be that the Maiers Bayliffs and other hedd officers of everye of the sayd Cittyse etc should before the feast of St. John Baptist next cominge at the common chardge of the same place send some sufficient person to the sayd Exchequor aucthorised to receave suche standerds as should be delyvered unto them by the order of the sayd Courte for the sayd Cittye etc; and to paye suche reasonable prices for the same as upon the trewe valuacon by the Courte shalbe rated (fo. 39) which standerds are to be kept and used accordinge as is prescribed by the sayd proclamacon a copie wherof wee send unto you for your better instruccon in observinge the contents of the same. Theis be to give you to understand that accordinge to her Majesties warrant and proclamacon we have caused severall standardes to be made as well of the Troye as Avoyer de poiz weight, that is to saye for everye cittie, boroughe, towne and place mencioned in the sayd proclamacon a pile or case, and a boxe of Troye weights and a suite of great weights, and a pile of small weights of Avoir de Poiz after the maner specified in the sayd proclamacon, which beinge provided as good, cheape, and are accordinge to their trewe valuacon at lx^{li} viijs xj^d viz the Troye weights at iij^{li} viijs j^d, and the Avoir de poiz att vj^{li} x^d; wherfor thes are to require and commaund you in the Quens majesties name that before the sayd feast of St. John Baptist next comminge you send some sufficient person to the sayd Exchequer aucthorised to receyve the sayd standerds provided for that your Cittie, and also furnished to paye for the same; and further to se the sayd proclamacon (fo. 39b) in all points put in due executon as to you shall appertayne, as you will answere to the contrarie at your perills. And soe fare yee well. From Westminster this xxj daie of Maye 1588.

Your lovinge frends
W. Burghley,
Wa. Mildmaye,
Roger Marwood.

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(fo. 39b.) And nowe it is agreed that ix^{li} viijs xj^d shalbe forthwith provided by the Chamberlaines and delivered to Mr. Belt, and Mr. Belt to paye the same to the officers of the Exchequer, and he to receave one pile or case and a boxe of Troye weightes, and a sewte of great weights, and a pile of smale weightes of Avoir de poiz for this Cittye; and he to take order for caryage of the same by water.

And nowe it is agreed that their shalbe delivered cxx^{li} of powder in grosse to suche persons as the Captaines shall appointe.

fo. 42

Midsummer Day Show.

14 June xxx Elizabeth (1588).

Agreed that a shewe of Armor shalbe made on satterdaye the xxij of June instante by all suche Cittezens as are prevely chardged and men of thainstye as are prevely chardged; and also all others hable men of the sayd Cittye to attend on Mr. Sheriffes as the custome haith bene and the Sheriffes are allowed fourth of the Comon Chamber xxx^{li} of powder to be distributed at their discretion to them that shall need the same; and that warninge shalbe given therof to the constables upon paine of everye person falinge in anye parte of the premisses to forfait vj^s.

fo. 46.

Assault Case.

10 July 30 Elizabeth (1588). *Present*—James Birkby, Mayor, 7 Aldermen, 7 of the xxiv.

Robert Walls, glover, was comitted to ward upon Owse brige, their to remane duringe the pleasure of my L. Maior, for makinge a fraye and drawinge bloode of Thomas Benson, officer, and strykinge him in the brest with a paire of sheires, for demaundinge his fee upon the sayd Walls when he was comitted to Monke-Barre by my L. Maior for dyvers his contempts.

fo. 51b.

An Order concerning the Town Clerkship.

26 July 30 Elizabeth (1588).

Dyvers of the Common Counsell of this Cittie appeared in this Courte, and were acquainted with the lettre¹ aforsayd; and after deliberat consideracon had in the premisses both the Lord Maior, Alderman, Sheriffes and prevye counsell of this Cittye with the sayd Commons, dyd all agree that the sayd office should not be granted in revercon, and especially to a strainger for that the sayd office is an office of great chardg, and the Towne Clerke haith the keepinge of all the Charters and Recordes.

¹ This letter is not given.

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fo. 52.**Private Armour.**

2 August 30 Elizabeth (1588). *Present*—James Birkby, Mayor, 8 Aldermen, 1 Sheriff, 3 of the xxiv.

(*fo.* 52b.) Agreed that all the persons chardged with private armor shall have commaundement to appeare with their armor allotted to their chardge, furnished in all pointes, to be viewed on the bodyes of hable men.

To my lovinge frendes, L. Maior, Recorder, Aldermen of the Cittye of Yorke.

After my hartye commendacons to your L. etc; theis shalbe to signifie unto you that I have committed the chardge (*fo.* 53) of all the 300 men that are chardged with private armor within the Cittye and Ainstye of Yorke unto Mr. Mathewe Pollard, whom I have appointed to take the viewe and muster of them and all their furniture. Theis therefore shal be to require you that suche order may be taken that all the sayd men and their furniture maye be in redynesse to be viewed so sone as may be; and that wher as their is anye man privatlye chardged, that haith not an able bodye to serve him selfe, some other sufficient man be appointed to supplye his place and to serve with the same furniture that is allotted unto him. And so I do committ you to Gods tuicon. At Yorke the xxxj of Julye, 1588.

Your L. lovinge frend,
H. Huntingdon.

To the right honorable Henrye, Earle of Huntingdon etc.

Oure bounden dewtye remembred; wheras we have receaved your L.'s letter, dated the xxj (sic) Julye for the viewe of such men and there furniture as were heretofore (by commission from your L.) privatlye chardged within the Cittye of Yorke and wapen-takee of thanisty; and for (*fo.* 53b) that the sayd men so chardged are of the best and welthiest cittezens and inhabitants, which, if they should be taken to serve in person of anye common chardge, should after be sett upon the sayd Cittye and Anistie, it would be burdenus to the resedewe for that they would thinke to be deschardged of all sessements hereafter duringe the tyme of their service; and for that we take it (under your L.'s reformacon) that if anye of the sayd persons, so privately chardged, do fynde a sufficent and able man to serve in his place, that the same may suffice: yet for that we would not resolve of anye thinge doubtfull without direction from your Honor, we are theirfore most humbley to desyre your resolucon herein, whether one privatly chardged, findinge an able and sufficient man, maye him selfe therbye be dischardged to serve in person, and also whether suche as are chardged with private armor, and not being able to serve with the same is of his owne chardge to provyde an other man. Thus with

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our dewtye we committ your L. to the mercifull tuicon of the Almyghtie. From Yorke the sext of August 1588.

Your L.'s to commaund,

James Birkbie, Mayor, Wm. Hillyard, Christofer Harberte.

fo. 54b.

Officers' Wages

7 August 30 Elizabeth (1588). *Present*—James Birkby, Mayor, William Hillyard, Recorder, 5 Aldermen, 6 of the xxiv.

Nowe was redd one lettre from the Lord Lieutenaunt in the behalfe of Captane Laton for consideracon of his paynes in the trainyng of the 150 men committed to his charge, the effecte wherof ensewethe.

To my lovyng frendes the L. Maior, Recorder and Aldermen of the Cittye of Yorke.

Wheras about a weeke sence I dyd send unto your Lp. and desyred you to move the Aldermen, your bretheren, that some consideracon might be hadd of Captane Layton for the paynes he haith (*fo. 55*) taken, and chardges he haith bene at in his attendance about the trayninge of his band; forasmuche as I do not yett here that there is anie thinge as yett done in that behalfe, I have thought good eftsones to put your Lp. and Bretheren in remembraunce of my former mocon. It shall in my opynyon stand with the creditt and reputacon of the Cittye that the gentleman should be in some thankfull sorte consydered of, for his paynes and chardges in this behalfe taken and susteyned, that he maye be the better incowraged to performe that which to his place and chardge apperteyneth. Thus desyeringe that I maye understande howe you do purpose to deale with him herein I do with my commacons in the Lord committ you to his mercifull tuicon. At Boroughe Brige the second of August

Your lovinge frend,

H. Huntynghton.

Our bounden dewtye to your Honor remembred: we have receyved your Lps. letter dated the second daye of August 1588, towchinge some consideracon to be bestowed upon Captain Layton for his paynes in trayninge his band, which we suspend as yett till we understande whether he shalbe put to further service with the sayd band or be dischardged, at which tyme we meane to deale well with him, and to make him suche reasonable consyderacon, as his travell and paines (*fo. 55b*) therin taken or to be taken shall deserve; and in the meane tyme, wheras by commaundement we were to allow wages onlye to his Lieutenaunte, we have further allowed, of our goode wills, certayne officers under him suche sommes of money as are hereafter mencioned, at everye trayninge.

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Thus we with all dewtye committ your Honor to the mercifull
tuicon of thalmyghtye. From Yorke the xiiijth day of August 1588.

Yours to commaund,
James Birkby, Mayor,
Wm. Hilliarde
(and eight others)

The firste traininge:

Item to his ij sergiants xiijs^s iiij^d.

Item to ye drommers xij^d a daye.

Seconde traininge:

Item to auncient bearer xijs^s iiij^d.

Item his ij sergiants xiijs^s iiij^d.

Item his clarke vjs^s viij^d.

Item his drommer iij^s.

Thirde trayninge:

Item his ij sergiants xiijs^s iiij^d.

Item his auncient bearer vjs^s viij^d.

Item his drommer iij^s.

Fourth traininge:

Item his ij sergiants xiijs^s iiij^d.

Item his auncient bearer xiijs^s iiij^d.

Item his clarke vjs^s viij^d.

Item to Karsey, the dromer, vs.

(fo. 56.) To my lovinge frende the L. Maior.

Theis shall be to signifie your L^p. that I have, upon some
consideracon, made staye of the trayninge of the men within the
Cittye, and Ainstye of Yorke, untill further direction shall be
geven for it; and, in the meane tyme I do require your L^p. that
suche order maye be taken, as all the powder that you canne
heare to be in anye privat mens hands within the sayd Cytte
may be all brought together to some suche place, as you shall
thinke fitt, to thend it maye be in the better redynes upon anye
sodaine occasion of servis, and to lett me understand what quantitie
their is. And so I committ your L^p. to Gods tuicon. At Yorke
the xxxjst of Julye, 1588.

Your lovinge frend,
H. Huntynghton.

fo. 56b.

**The City Council refuses to grant the
reversion of the office of Town Clerk.**

To the right honorable our verye good Ls, the Lord Burghley,
L. high Treasurer of England, the Lord Laycester, the L. of Warwicke
the L. Hunsdon, Lordes of her Majesties most honourable Privie
Counsell, and Sir Thomas Heyms, Knight, one of her Majesties
said Privie Counsell, deliver these.

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Our bounden dewtie remembred; we have receaved your Ls. lettres, dated the xijth day of Julie last, in the behalfe of Mr. James Stonehowse, to have graunted him in revercon the office of the Towne Clarke of the Cittye of Yorke; and theirupon we called before us dyvers cittizens beinge of the Common Counsell of the said Cittye and imparted the effecte of your Honors sayd lettres unto them, and upon deliberate conferance hadd emongest them theirow, we and they have considered that the sayd office is an office of great chardge, attendance and trust by reason that all the recordes, chartres and remembrances towching the liberties and inheritances of the sayd Cittye, do remaine in the custodie of the Towne Clarke. And further their are former actes and orders maid within the sayd Cittye—that the sayd office nor anye other office belonging to the sayd Cittye, should be graunted in reversion, which Actes and Ordinances we and they thought not good to infringe, beinge made upon good consideracons; of which we most humblye desyer your Honors to have consideracon to beare with us, that we do not accomlishe your Honours request herein, whiche our excuse we trust your Honors will rather allowe for that the grauntinge theirow is contrarye to the sayd Actes and Ordinances. Thus with our dewties we cease your Honors further troble, committinge the same to the tuicon of the Almightye. Yorke the xijth daye of August 1588.

Your Honors to commaund,

James Birkbye, Maior
(and seven Aldermen)

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